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A Creed of Work for Women

BY LAURA DRAKE GILL, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN,
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I BELIEVE that every woman needs a skilled occupation developed to the degree of possible self-support.

She needs it commercially, for an insurance against reverses.

She needs it socially, for a comprehending sympathy with the world's workers.

She needs it intellectually, for a constructive habit of mind which makes knowledge effective.

She needs it ethically, for a courageous willingness to do her share of the world's work.

I believe that every young woman should practice this skilled occupation, up to the time of her marriage, for gainful ends with deliberate intent to acquire therefrom the widest possible professional and financial experiences.

I believe that every woman should expect marriage to interrupt for some years the pursuit of any regular occupation; that she should prearrange with her husband some equitable division of the family income, such as will insure her position in a partnership, rather than one of dependence; and that she should focus her chief thought during the early youth of her children upon the science and art of wise family life.

I believe that every woman should hope to return, in the second leisure of middle age, to some application of her early skilled occupation—either as an unsalaried worker in some one of its social phases; or, if income be an object, as a salaried worker in a phase of it requiring maturity and social experience.



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ALUMNÆ CHAPTER LETTERS

(Letters missing from Baltimore, Denver, Indianapolis, Madison, Omaha, San Francisco, Seattle, Syracuse, and Topeka alumnae chapters)

BURLINGTON ALUMNÆ

Burlington alumnae chapter has quietly pursued its accustomed way this winter of 1913-1914. We have made no attempt to turn the world upside down, preferring to be a little old-fashioned and stand for friendship rather than for strenuous activities.

But if the fraternity needs that we be strenuously active we are ready, acknowledging our obligation to be informed on all fraternity matters and to give counsel and active service when required. This is a congenial task since nearly all our members have some time or other attended a convention and brought home the "national feeling". But that our isolated alumnae may also be informed and ready to prove, in the face of challenge, that the fraternity system is an inestimable benefit to college and to individual student, we are hoping to bring more up-to-date their knowledge of conditions as they exist today in the Alma Mater. For instance, of the four vulnerable points of attack for anti-fraternity people, one, that of the evils of rushing, may be eliminated as far as the University of Vermont is concerned.

For Lambda chapter it has been deemed advisable that there be a small endowment fund. We alumnae, including all outside the chapter as well, will be very busy for a time collecting and establishing this fund.

Our interchange of hospitality with Lambda chapter has been as always one of the pleasures of the winter. Since District IV held convention this year, we have had the pleasure of knowing through our delegate, more undergraduate Thetas. Mabel Brownell was our chapter delegate, Chi chapter the very charming efficient hostess of the convention.

After convention, Mrs. Hincks, District president, visited Burlington and all Thetas here would have been delighted to detain her as a permanent guest.

An interesting piece of work for the fraternity on Symbolism in Greek mythology as applicable for the use of the chapters, has been begun and the delights of an excursion into Greek literature will be ample reward for the labor involved.

E. Mabel Brownell

CHICAGO ALUMNÆ

Chicago alumnae has had a most pleasant and successful year. But we do feel the need of more members and wish we could interest all Chicago Thetas in our alumnae chapter.

At the time of the National Panhellenic in October, a meeting was held at the Congress hotel and a dinner afterwards at Miss Ellis's Tea Shop. On account of the time of the year and inclement weather, only a few were there to meet our Grand president and Grand secretary. But surely we who went were most amply repaid; for it was, indeed, a pleasure to meet the members of our Grand council and to be brought into closer touch with our fraternity. It was suggested at this meeting that as long as the city is so large, we have informal sectional meetings to try and interest those unable to come to the luncheons.

At the invitation of our president, Mrs. Wagner, the north side Thetas met at her home in December for an informal tea, and we surely did enjoy it. Since then we have been holding these meetings once a month and we do wish the south and west sides would do likewise.

Theta was well represented at the National Panhellenic luncheon which was held in Patten gymnasium, Evanston, on October 18, and was attended by over four hundred women.

Our Founders'-day luncheon was held on the regular January luncheon day in Mandel's Ivory room. Anna Drummond, Eta '03, presided as toast-mistress. Toasts were responded to by Helen Post Steele, Eta '03, and Louise Shipman Wagner, Delta '08. Mrs. Wagner presented the anti-fraternity question and urged us as fraternity

women to acquaint ourselves with facts so as to be able to combat any argument one might use against fraternities. In fact, a committee of members of our chapter has been appointed to gather all available material about anti-fraternity agitation, and write a letter, copies of which are to be sent to all alumnæ in the district to acquaint them with the facts.

At our last luncheon, we were delighted to have several members of Tau with us. We are always glad to welcome girls from any college chapter and we urge any Theta who is in Chicago on our meeting day (the third Saturday of each month from September to June inclusive) to come to Field's Wabash avenue Tea Room and have luncheon with us.

Kittie Button Payne, Psi '02

CINCINNATI ALUMNÆ

The alumnæ chapter of Cincinnati made its formal bow to the Kappa Alpha Theta world in December, at the time of Alpha Tau's installation. The charter had been granted a few weeks before to ten resident Thetas and received a splendid increase by the initiation of twenty-two alumnæ members from the ranks of V. C. P. The group now represents ten chapters and has started on its career with a wealth of good feeling and enthusiasm. Mrs. Burris, (Harriet Clearwaters, Alpha '90) was chosen president, and also our alumnæ delegate to the local Panhellenic.

The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Finch, Omega, the one in February, with Mrs. Shine, Alpha Tau, and this month's, with Hazle Cairns, Alpha Tau, in College Hill. The last was a social gathering of both active and alumnæ chapters, with the presence of Hope Davis, Grand vice-president, and Alpha Tau's new initiates as a "double-billed" attraction.

So far our program has not been decided upon—beyond a reviewing of Theta history and customs for the benefit of our newly initiated members, but we look forward to the time when our Service board will offer various practical suggestions as to the work of alumnæ chapters.

27 March 1914

Helen Parker Finch

CLEVELAND ALUMNÆ

This year the alumnæ meetings have been unusually well attended and fraternity well-being has been ardently discussed under the leadership of Josephine Barnaby and of our president, Mrs. Harriet Hoyle Green. We still regret very much being so far away from a college chapter. However, Rilla Parsons, Lucile Marshall, and Flora Horr have come to us fresh from college activities, and visits to our own Theta halls have served to keep us in touch with the progress in fraternity rulings.

Our Founders'-day luncheon, when we were the guests of Mrs. J. E. Randall in her home, was the prettiest affair of the season. We also had the great pleasure at that time of hearing our chapter musician's, Rilla Parson's, sympathetic and well-played renditions of Liszt's "Liebestraum", and MacDowell's "Concert Etude", and the "Elfentanz" of the same composer.

We are sorry to lose Harriet Hoyle Green (Mrs. Otis), Alpha Epsilon, and Esther Hemphill Blaser (Mrs. Arthur) Epsilon, who are leaving Cleveland to make new homes elsewhere, Mrs. Green in Piqua, Ohio, and Mrs. Blaser in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. J. E. Randall is to leave in April with Mr. Randall for a trip abroad.

The newest protégée of Mu alumnæ is the wee daughter of Elizabeth Young Coppedge (Mrs. Everett C.) Alpha Eta, who has already attended a chapter meeting at the tender age of two months!

The sympathies of the entire chapter go out to Harriet Hoyle Green who has just lost her brother after a very short illness.

27 March 1914

Emma Weitz, Eta

COLUMBUS ALUMNÆ

The alumnæ chapter at Columbus, Ohio, has this year continued to enjoy its monthly spreads, at the homes of its members, of which it now has thirty-nine.

We have also enjoyed keeping in close touch with the fraternity, through the bi-monthly reports and the Journals, which have seemed better than ever this year. Part of each meeting was given to reading and discussing selections from these publications.

At our several sewing meetings we have succeeded in completing many useful garments, for the Day nursery in which we are especially interested.

On December 16 our joint alumnæ and active meeting was made doubly enjoyable, by the presence of L. Pearle Green and Jessamine De Haven, who stopped over on their return from the installation of the chapter at Cincinnati.

Early in December, upon the suggestions of Edith Cockins, the alumnæ chapters of the various women's fraternities represented at the Ohio State University were asked to join us in purchasing a loving-cup, as an incentive to scholarship. They all gladly responded.

The cup is to be awarded annually, to the chapter achieving the highest scholarship, and the name of the chapter receiving it is to be engraved upon the cup.

As guests of Mrs. Esther Stafford Taylor, the chapter especially enjoyed its March meeting.

The State Archæological society has recently opened its magnificent new building, located on the campus of the university. A visit to this museum will doubtless prove of interest to more people than those who are working along this line of thought.

A most interesting conference of college women from the state of Ohio met in Columbus, early in March. The conference was addressed by four able speakers—Miss Edith Campbell on *Outside co-operation with public schools*; Miss McVey, on *College women and their future*; Miss Francis Cummings, on *Vocational opportunities for women*; and Dr. Jane Scherzer, on *College clubs and their value*.—Splendid, helpful talks each one, all of which will help to attain the aim and object of the conference, which is to establish a network of College clubs throughout the state, as vocational and social guides to college women.

26 March 1914

Emma Blesch

DETROIT ALUMNÆ

The beginning of the movement for the now fully established and successful alumnæ chapter of Detroit dates back only to October, 1912, when a few intimately acquainted and for the most part Ann

Arbor Thetas initiated the custom of lunching together once a month, thus socially keeping in touch with one another.

Out of this regular meeting grew an interest in drawing nearer together all graduate Thetas in Dertoit and its vicinity, whose number, it was found after investigation, almost reached sixty, embracing in addition to Detroit the communities of Toledo, Ann Arbor, Romeo, and Flint, and representing various chapters. Gradually the interest grew as the luncheon became a good Theta habit and at the first meeting last fall, after the summer's adjournment, it seemed to be an almost accepted fact that the Theta group should make the effort and become—what it now is—an active alumnae chapter, with all the attached formalities.

Thirty Thetas have become active members, while non-active Thetas attend largely, not to mention the many visitors from Eta active. As yet we have undertaken no real work, but have expressed as a whole our desire to further Theta service and to foster and follow the Panhellenic movement as far as possible.

Following is a list of members by chapters:

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Cooper, Faith, 53 Hazelwood ave. Detroit.
Davis, Josephine S. 30 Elmwood ave. Detroit.
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8 March 1914

Marjorie Strong, Psi

EVANTON ALUMNÆ

Evanston alumnæ has a membership of twenty. Tau has furnished a majority of the members. We have also two representatives from Alpha, one from Rho and two from Psi. It is needless to

add that the chapter is closely allied with the college chapter in Evanston.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the homes of members. An informal luncheon is followed by the business meeting.

The first luncheon was held in October, at the home of the President, Mrs. Harry Manchester. Mrs. Frank Murray and Mrs. Harry Byers, were assisting hostesses. Officers for the year were elected. It was decided at this meeting that two of the college members from Tau should be invited to attend each luncheon. We enjoy having the college girls with us, and expect the closer relations established to result in mutual benefit.

Mrs. Nathaniel Helm, assisted by Mrs. C. W. Spoford and Mrs. Carl Williams, entertained us in November.

In January Mrs. William Gazley, assisted by Mrs. Henry Roney and Mrs. E. R. McFadden, gave the luncheon.

Miss Leone Gould, with Miss Jessie Farr and Miss Alta Miller assisting, was compelled to recall invitations in February because of illness.

Mrs. Carl Williams has been out of the city much of the time since the Illinois convention of women's clubs, recuperating. She was Chairman of the committee on entertainment, and the duties were most arduous. Mrs. Williams is now in California.

Other members who have escaped the severe winter weather are Mrs. William Mason, who has spent the winter at her Los Angeles home; Mrs. Harry Manchester and Mrs. Harold Benett, who have been in Florida.

Miss Edith Little has gone to Italy to study the Montessori method of kindergarten.

Mrs. Frank Oates has recently returned from French Lick, and Mrs. Henry Byers from Atlantic City.

We are expecting our spring meetings to be especially successful, with the return of our members, and look forward with anticipation to the June luncheon given in honor of the girls of Tau who receive highest scholarship honors.

19 March 1914

Elizabeth Speed McFadden

GREENCASTLE ALUMNÆ

After another year Alpha alumnæ sends greetings to each of her sister chapters and especially to those who, during the past year, have been added to our number.

It hardly seems possible that it has been a year since our letter went to the publisher but it does not take long for twelve months to pass when one is busy.

In February Pearl O'Hair most delightfully entertained the alumnæ and college girls at her home for a Washington party. After finding one's partner by the aid of tiny flags the guests were seated at small tables—two alumnæ and two college girls at each. A delicious two course luncheon was then served. Suitable decorations for February 22 were tastefully used. After luncheon the college girls sang the good old Theta songs which I am sure must have carried more than one back to their college days. Another feature of that afternoon was a postal card shower that had been arranged by the hostess for Ida Overstreet who is away at a sanitarium.

We are all greatly interested in our new Theta Service board. The idea seems to be a splendid one and I feel sure that it will prove very beneficial.

All good wishes from Alpha alumnæ for the year.

17 March 1914

Ruth B. Post

KANSAS CITY ALUMNÆ

Our chapter is taking great pleasure in the fact that our membership is growing and our enthusiasm waxing great. We have averaged a full attendance at our meetings this year and attribute this satisfactory state of affairs to our interest in our first definite line of work. We spend our time sewing for Mercy hospital—an appealing cause that cannot help but attract all our members. This hospital is not endowed and has no means of support other than the general large-heartedness and liberality of Kansas citizens. It receives only sick and crippled children and each case is treated without monetary consideration. Each meeting afternoon is spent sewing, every member bringing her own thimble and other tools, and the chapter treasury furnishing the materials. Our greatest achievement so far has been

the making of thirty pairs of curtains. We have also made several dozen small garments for the infants' ward. Our fund for buying materials being almost depleted, we are now spending our energies in a money-earning project. By the end of the month we hope to see a fat increase in our bank account as the result of an afternoon given over to story-telling for children, an admission of fifty cents being charged. We are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Katherine Dunn Hall, a Theta who has taken up this work and achieved marked success. At present we are going about selling tickets and greet all our friends with a calculating and mercenary eye.

The arrival of our year book was a pleasant feature of our last meeting. For the last two years this little handbook, containing our roster and addresses and telephone numbers (a rejoiceful item), and the hostesses for each meeting of the year, has been printed at the chapter's expense and given to the members.

We plan to continue our meetings during the summer months and hope then to have with us as guests all the college girls home on their vacations.

Marie Nettleton Rose (Mrs F. B.)

LINCOLN ALUMNÆ

We of Tau alumnæ have held very uneventful but interesting meetings every two weeks all winter. We play Auction, and the refreshments are limited to three things and the prize must cost no more than one dollar. Usually at least one of the active girls has been asked to fill in, and so we get very up-to-date news of Rho chapter.

One of our most enjoyable pastimes this winter has been the monthly luncheon at the Lindell with the college chapter and all the resident alumnæ not affiliated with Tau. After each luncheon we entertain ourselves with a *Thé Dansant* or cards.

On March 9 we were beautifully entertained by Juliet Proudfit, and on March 14 was the banquet, when all the "old girls" come back and "reminisce" over a whole week-end.

A great many of us are already very enthusiastically planning our trip to the next convention.

Tau alumnæ extends a most cordial welcome to any summer travelers passing through Lincoln to come to our meetings which keep up through the summer.

21 March 1914

Katherine Cline

LOS ANGELES ALUMNÆ

Los Angeles alumnæ is debating seriously the question of undertaking philanthropic work of some kind. Now that the scholarship fund is well started and on its feet, so to say, many members have thought it would be profitable and good for the organization to undertake some local civic work. Several avenues of endeavor have been suggested, such as club work among the Russian girls in conjunction with the civic committee of the Federation of college women's clubs, or work under the immigration secretary of the Young Women's Christian association. For, in anticipation of the opening of the Panama canal the immigration problem is engaging the attention of all California club women. The Federation through its three standing committees, Civic, Legislative and Educational, offers opportunity for work over a broad field to any member of Iota alumnæ or its fourteen other organizations.

We have been gratified to see the Scholarship fund committee grant several undergraduate loans this year, and hope this usefulness of the fund will be extended to the fullest.

Our celebration of Founders'-day took the shape of an informal supper. Sixty Thetas assembled as guests of Mrs. Muma, (Alice Hicks, Omega) in her charming home on Elden avenue. Beside the toast to the Founders, given by Helen Spalding, Grace Lavayea, our District president, spoke on *The Greater Kappa Alpha Theta*. After some delightful violin music, the courtesy of our hostess, and a song by Alberta Hanna, the *Theta Prayer*, we concluded with college and chapter songs.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming to several meetings Rowena Moore Selby, who is on a visit from her home in Johannesburg. She spoke informally at one meeting concerning her life in South Africa, the various Stanford and University of California people there, and the California club.

A committee has been established, in its nature Panhellenic, called a Fraternity investigation committee, to consider with representatives of the other fraternity organizations here the anti-fraternity movement in California, and to keep track of published articles bearing on it. Incidentally the movement has not assumed as yet any serious aspects in California. The chairman of this committee is Ray Hanna, 418 East Thirty-seventh street, Los Angeles.

25 March 1914

Jane McC. Spalding

NEW YORK ALUMNÆ

Believing in the worthy aims of the national Theta Service bureau, the New York alumnæ chapter is already planning to put its tenets into practice locally. In New York there is a vast opportunity to assist visitors and new residents and consequently the chapter hopes to make itself an organization of real service to our fraternity sisters. Before long we hope to announce committees or more definite directions to any caring to avail themselves of our assistance in finding temporary or permanent homes, or even advice on the choice of shops and possibly hints on the choice of the city's varied amusements. Ultimately we may establish a practical vocational bureau.

Once before we attempted work of this kind but a new impetus has come from the opening of the Woman's university club at 106 East fifty-second street. Many Thetas are members and one served on the financial committee. Our Ex-Grand president, Mabel Hale, now makes her home there.

In May we shall transfer our headquarters from the Martha Washington hotel to the club and then rent desk room, which will furnish us with a suitable depository for our archives and a convenient spot from which to conduct our current business.

Despite an exceedingly stormy day, about sixty Thetas gathered at the Manhattan hotel on January 24 to observe Founders'-day. Before and after a musical program, there was the intimate visiting so characteristic of all fraternity functions. Nearly half the chapters throughout the country were represented by alumnæ and many were the renewals of acquaintances made at Minnewaska, Pasadena or Chicago.

Our other meetings have had programs of interest, two being devoted to convention reports, one to Panhellenic matters at Barnard and one to a description of the Woman's university club.

To Alpha Sigma and Alpha Tau we send greetings and a welcome and to all Thetas we wish a very pleasant summer.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNÆ

After hearing the discussion of alumnæ chapters at convention, with their problems of attendance and programs, we write with all the more enthusiasm of our chapter, which at least is "keeping alive" to the satisfaction of its members. Continuing the plan of the last four years, the meetings are held monthly at the homes of members at four o'clock, followed by supper. With a membership of forty-two, the average attendance is twenty-five. The absent ones can be depended on to have good reasons for their absence, for alumnæ meeting is a social event which none of us care to miss.

After the routine business, presided over by Mrs. Jennie Gilbert Kerlin, Iota, the program for each meeting is in charge of one person. The first two meetings of the year were devoted to the report of our convention delegate, although there were comparatively few convention-less members to report to. She found it necessary, however, to proceed slowly, as almost every topic reminded a few of the nineteen who had been, of something they could add, until the report frequently became a lively discussion. At other meetings we have had talks on journalism, on suffrage, a program of music supplied by the members, and a report of current events.

We make an effort to keep in touch with the active Alpha Betas by inviting a representative to attend each of our meetings, so that we may learn of their problems first hand and if possible give advice and assistance.

Then, after we have discussed and listened with great earnestness to the various subjects, comes the time when we are all just *glad* to see each other, and when we have time, over the supper table, to say as much. And we will be equally glad to see other Thetas who may be in or near Philadelphia, temporarily or permanently, if they will give us the chance.

31 March 1914

Anna D. White

PITTSBURGH ALUMNÆ

Pittsburgh alumnae chapter now numbers twenty-six with an average attendance of about twenty-five, this large average being maintained by the large number of Thetas who do not belong to the chapter but who come to the annual Founders'-day luncheon. We, along with the rest of Pittsburgh, were stirred during the first month of the year by two events: the campaign of the University of Pittsburgh for the raising of three millions of dollars, of which only two were secured, and the preaching of Mr. W. A. Sunday. It seems proper to speak of Mr. Sunday not only because of his spiritual power but because his daughter, Helen, now Mrs. Haines, was a Theta at De Pauw.

As usual we have held monthly meetings devoted to both Theta business and the social pleasure of meeting one another. Attractive money jugs made in the Institution for the Blind were bought by the chapter's officers and distributed to each member for the safe keeping of spare money to be given to the Scholarship fund. Two prizes to be awarded at the June meeting were announced: the first for unique manner in which money was raised, the second for the amount. At the first meeting of the year Mrs. Lanpher, our convention delegate, gave a very interesting report, and that together with the frequent presence of Miss De Haven, District president, has made us alumnae better acquainted with active fraternity affairs. The second meeting was a very pleasant luncheon given by the officers at the home of Mrs. Randall, our president. At one meeting we had readings from Thetas of note and enjoyed Mrs. Comstock and the philosophy of *The unquiet sex*. The Founders'-day luncheon was, as always, very pleasant.

Pittsburgh alumnae chapter has decided to look up the significance of Greek mythology and the possibilities of its use in the fraternity.

We send our best wishes to all other alumnae chapters, to the college chapters, and to the officers who are striving to make us all live up to our ideals.

Anna Slease

PORTLAND ALUMNÆ

Portland alumnae chapter is growing apace. Almost every meeting brings some new face among us. The call of the West as ever is

luring people our way, and in our number a dozen different chapters are represented.

Speaking of the lure of the West, we are hoping just now that the Grand council will look with favorable eyes on the invitation extended them by the chapters of the Pacific Northwest to hold the 1915 Convention at Gearhart-by-the-sea. This is the absorbing topic at all Portland Theta meetings, and we are already laying our plans for a successful convention should our fond hopes be realized. March 27 we will give a small dance at a suburban clubhouse; its object being to bring Portland Thetas, their husbands and brothers, into a closer relationship and unity of purpose.

We celebrated Founders'-day by giving a tea at which the honored guests were the mothers of all Thetas residing in Portland. It has been suggested that this be an annual event, as a most fitting way to celebrate the Fraternity's birthday.

This year a new plan has been adopted by the Panhellenic club in which the entertainment of the club is undertaken each month by a different fraternity. The March meeting fell to Theta, and our informal musical tea was voted the hit of the season.

Lela Goddard Fenton

PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ

Providence alumnæ feels rather small and lonely now that it has no undergraduate sisters in Brown, but keeps up its enthusiasm, nevertheless. The girls are already talking of a house-party this summer, and there is a flourishing cooking class meeting every other week.

The regular meetings, too, have been a source of great pleasure, as the musical and literary members have enlivened them with their talents.

Brown university has fulfilled its cultural mission this year as in the past. We would feel lost without the charming series of organ recitals and vesper services, which we have become accustomed to expect each year. The alumnæ have given a very successful production of Sheridan's *Critic*, in which Thetas participated.

Next year promises to be a memorable one because the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of our university is to be celebrated in accordance

with a most remarkable program, including a series of lectures by famous scholars.

Ruth L. Foster

ST. LOUIS ALUMNÆ

Coffee is really a synonym for St. Louis Theta alumnae this year, so in our annual message to the fraternity we take it for granted that every Theta reader would like to hear the why and the how of our coffee scheme.

The "why" is easily guessed since the prime duty of every Theta alumnae chapter should be the contribution of its mite to the National Scholarship fund. And we St. Louis alumnae feel that, in buying and selling a good product, we make a sincere effort to obtain profit without the element of charity; that is, we aim to make money, slowly perhaps but honestly, not asking of our customers a favor, but granting one, since we give them better coffee for less money, on our system of buying wholesale and cutting out the middleman.

In our four months of business we have obtained 150 steady customers by personal solicitation. We sell a three pound package (whole or ground) for \$1.00, making eleven cents; and a ten pound package for \$3.00 which clears us sixty cents. The running expenses are chiefly postage and bags.

As an advertisement of Kappa Alpha Theta surely our coffee scheme counts. Our small public must think better of a body of college women who work consistently and sincerely for an object. And no "bunch" of college alumnae could be called snobs who weigh, put up and mail coffee; or who trot around a large city carrying pungent sacks labeled in colors: *BLACK K. A. T.* brand *EXTRA FANCY* roasted *COFFEE*. Packed expressly for *BLACK K. A. T. COFFEE CO.* 5527 Waterman avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

(We are proud of the smell of our coffee by-the-way; it entices mail clerks and bystanders!)

Concerning the drawbacks a word should be said. Of course most difficulties are encountered in the beginning of an undertaking, and ways have to be tried and retried. Also the heavier work invariably falls upon a few. With us the coffee committee of three has, with our

president, the responsibility of ways and means, and the chairman of this committee to whom the orders are sent and by whom the weekly orders are mailed is the guardian angel of it all.

Our delivery wagon is as yet the play wagon of an enthusiastic offspring of the Theta in whose attic the coffee is stored. On the weekly journey to the nearest parcel post station the wagon overflows and creates entertainment, and, incidentally, brings us customers. Heavy rains and snows have often come on delivery days, in which case the attic-owner's husband's slicker is tucked over the precious bags, while the guardian angel and the small boy brave slippery pavements and snowdrifts to start the coffee to the percolators. On one delivery day the wagon was reposing under a three-foot drift, but the guardian angel and the attic owner wielded shovels and dug it out while the latter's infants assisted with spoons.

The result this first year may not be as beneficial to the Fund as to ourselves. Any organization needs a *raison d'être*; even with the fraternity bond alumnæ need a common interest or work. We think our coffee company has brought us closer and we recommend a development of an idea of this sort to any group of Thetas. It brings jolly times, too.

Elinor Hall Horner (Mrs. W. W.)

SPOKANE ALUMNÆ

Our chapter is now in its second year, with twenty-six members enrolled. Early in September we had election of officers and started our work along philanthropic lines. During the summer, the chapter had had regular meetings alternating with picnics which proved most enjoyable to everyone.

This fall we were all very interested in the installation of Alpha Sigma and when the time came a great many Spokane Thetas were present at Pullman. Everyone enjoyed it so much, coming back with renewed inspiration from having witnessed the beautiful installation ceremonies and happy because we could now claim Alpha Sigma as our own.

Mrs. Carpenter was with us for a short time on her way to Washington State college, and most of us had the pleasure of meeting her at a luncheon which the chapter gave in her honor.

At the meeting following the installation of Alpha Sigma, we were happy to welcome seven new Thetas who had been members of Pi Delta Phi. At this time, however, came the news that we were to lose our president, Mrs. Mann, who was leaving the city to make her home in St. Louis. We were more than sorry to lose her, as her enthusiasm and ability would be a great help to any chapter of Theta. She had represented our chapter at the National convention last summer, and we anxiously awaited her return, knowing she would bring us all the news of that wonderful time.

During the holidays, the chapter entertained at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Preston, our president, in honor of the Pullman Thetas who were here. This was an excellent opportunity for the two chapters to become better acquainted.

On Founders'-day we had a tea at Davenport's restaurant.

We are doing some work for the members of the Florence Crittenden home who are making preparations for a bazaar to be given soon. In place of our regular monthly teas at Davenport's, we are going to take charge of the teas at the Young Women's Christian association.

Mrs. Harold Hooker of Eta has returned from a visit in Michigan with her parents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Coon (Helen Day of Rho) a son, in November.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Durham (Irene Sommerville of Alpha Lambda) a son, in February.

Mrs. D. C. Newman has returned from the Orient. (Alpha).

Mildred Healey

TORONTO ALUMNÆ

The meetings of Toronto alumnæ chapter have been held this year on the second Monday of the month in the college chapter's room, and well attended enthusiastic meetings they have been too! Our business is always quickly disposed of and the rest of the afternoon is spent drinking tea and chatting.

Our chapter activities have not been extensive. As usual we have helped the college chapter with their room and their rushing; and I should like to tell our sister alumnæ chapters how proud we are of the

natural calm way in which our Sigmas conducted their rushing. As many individual members are interested in the welfare of the university settlement, this year at Christmas time we, as a chapter, sent them books to form the beginning of a library.

In February while our Canadian winter was at its best the alumnæ and college chapters were the guests of Mabel Grubbe at a tobogganing party at the Lambton country club and all of us who were fortunate enough to be able to go enjoyed immensely the sport and the cheerful log fire and tea in the clubhouse afterward.

Just at present we are very interested in the preparations for our District convention to be held in Syracuse the week-end of March thirteenth, to which we are sending Mono McLaughlin as our alumnæ delegate as well as Mabel Hincks whom we are happy to claim as District president.

TWIN CITIES ALUMNÆ

The present year has been very interesting in many ways with new and varied responsibilities. Several of the leaders in our work have left the city and new ones are being developed in an attempt to fill their places.

Sophomore pledging has resulted in a small college chapter and a consequent nervous strain that has even had its affect on the alumnæ.

Owing to the fact that the Grand president is from our ranks, the chapter has felt more closely in touch with the general fraternity, and has come to learn more of its problems and possibilities. The new chapters mean more to us as we learn first hand of the splendid opportunities thus opened for Theta advancement.

The chapter has followed its custom of monthly meetings with papers on interesting subjects and general discussion of Theta topics. In October came farewell meetings for Anna L. Guthrie, Justina Leavitt Wilson, and Clara E. Fanning and then in January came the Founders'-day banquet with the pleasant memories of the past and bright hopes for the future. In March came a very delightful meeting with Louise Shipman Wagner, who came on her inspection trip as District president. Last fall members of the chapter gave a jelly and preserve shower for the college chapter and the realization that the

girls really appreciated the gifts was an ample return for our efforts. Plans are now under way for a Fair to be held next fall for the purpose of raising funds for a new heating plant for the chapter house and for other needed improvements. The chapter house has proven a magnet that has given us all a feeling of ownership and responsibility and served to renew and strengthen the ties of Kappa Alpha Theta. The graduates of last year are taking a decided interest in alumnae affairs and have been a great help all through the year.

29 March 1914

Nellie W. Thompson

VERMILION ALUMNÆ

On March 2 the alumnae Thetas of Vermilion entertained the college members of Alpha Rho at a four-course dinner, to celebrate the arrival of the new alumnae charter, as well as the second anniversary of the installation of Alpha Rho. The day will long be remembered, as it marks the beginning of an enthusiastic active life for each resident Theta, as she leaves the college hall. She may no longer feel that her graduation completes her services to Kappa Alpha Theta, but that it signifies an even larger opportunity for kite flying.

The alumnae chapter holds its meetings every two weeks on Wednesday afternoons, and the following girls are named among the chapter members: Mabel Perry Anderson, Florence Cynthia Chaney, Fern Davis, Jessamine Lee Fox, Mildred Grange, May Jolley, Elsie Sargent Julian, Adele Lewis, Hazel Lotze, Marie Lotze, Hazel McVicker, Anna Dell Morgan, Grace Estelle Sargent, Bernice Swezey, Florence Totten, Lenore Totten, Rinnie Vaughn, Pansy Austin Whittemore, Lorena Dell Young.

Grace E. Sargent

COLLEGE CHAPTER LETTERS AND
ALUMNÆ NEWS

In this issue we present a novel type of college chapter letter. Each chapter editor prevailed upon a resident or visiting alumna to write of this year's chapter for the benefit of far-away members. Our thanks go both to the Editors and to the cooperating alumnæ; they will be well repaid if the letters give to our readers one-half the appreciative understanding of our chapters today, which the Editor has gathered from reading copy for this department. If you like this experiment let us know. If you have other suggestions for infusing new and desired elements into this section, let us have them.

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Two pilgrims were resting on the Sahara Desert sharing the shade of their one camel—the sun was high—the sands were hot—and there wasn't quite enough shadow to go around. So each fell to arguing for more of the shade—they came to blows—they scared the camel, who started a marathon for the oasis some fifty miles away. Moral—They fought for the shadow—they lost the substance.

This old fable reprinted in an advertisement of a current magazine caught my attention. If there has been one characteristic more prominent than others as from week to week I have watched our college chapter, it is that of substantiality. Those girls are there and may be depended on always.

It is easy in the chaos of college life to become confused—to exaggerate portions and mix standards, and I have marvelled at their freedom from it all—so clear—so well defined has the year been.

The standard of scholarship has been very materially raised and we are truly proud of that.

But then, I cannot tell it here on paper. I cannot describe real hospitality, sincerity, whole-hearted unselfishness, loyalty and deep-rooted love. They are all so wonderfully interwoven in the lives of these girls, so beautifully a part of their life, that they have created an atmosphere about "the house on the hill", and to appreciate it you must come to that house and let its spell fold about you, when you will say with the Lotos Eaters of old—"We will not wander more."

Lucile Allen '12

'10-ex Born Mar. 4, to Mr and Mrs W. L. Steffens (Hazel Bowman) a son. Address: 9 Section ave. Hartwell, Cincinnati, O.

Mar. 9 Dorothy Arnold gave a shower in honor of Marguerite Nicholson, whose marriage to Wiley Fay of Nevada, Iowa, takes place Apr. 22.

'12 Gladys Martin, who is teaching in the high school at Mulberry, Ind. and Mary Colliver of Terre Haute spent a week-end recently at the chapter house.

Pearl O'Hair entertained the college chapter together with the alumnae chapter on Feb. 21.

'11 Bernice Church visited us a few days in Mar.

'86 Mrs Ermina Fallas Murlin and husband Dr Murlin, president of Boston university, were in Greencastle for a few days. We were delighted to have Mrs Murlin as our guest for one evening.

'14-ex The engagement of Gladys Rudy to Mr Jack Crittenden, Quincy, Ill. has been announced. The wedding will take place in June.

'06 Ida Overstreet, who is now at Rockefeller Institute in New York, is, after many months of illness, gradually improving.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

When one of the girls asked me to write a criticism of our college chapter for the JOURNAL I felt that it was a big undertaking, and now, as I attempt it, I am sure that I was not mistaken.

When I consider my own children my love for them is the only thing on the horizon. Then, after thinking very seriously, I know that they are not entirely angelic and really have qualities that I do not admire and wish they did not possess. Some of the faults that I see in my children are a little annoying now, but I know they are natural to childhood and will be outgrown. Because my children can not see things as I do, is no sure sign that they see them incorrectly. Perhaps mother is at fault. So, in any unfavorable criticism that I may offer, I shall not say that my view is necessarily the right one.

The present year Beta chapter has thirty-six members. I have been in rather close touch with them for the last few years and have known the girls personally. They are girls of high ideals, bright and talented, and are deeply interested in the different activities of our university. Out of the sixty members of our university dramatic organization, Strut and Fret, Theta has eight members. One of our girls has one of the principal parts in the play that is to be presented this spring.

We have in our university, a Student council, whose duty it is to take up for solution the problems that are referred to it by the President or Committee on student affairs. Each organization is represented in the council, and in addition there are three representatives selected from the Student body at large. One of these representatives is a Theta, Miss Mary Rieman.

One thing that pleases us a great deal in the present chapter is the active part our girls are taking in the Young Women's Christian association work. One of our girls is on the Cabinet and several were very active in the Association's County Fair, that cleared about \$200.00. Then, some of the girls, who are busy with their work and are popular in university society, find time to have classes in the social welfare work of the Christian association. To know of these girls going out and gathering children together to tell them good, wholesome stories, shows you that they are awakened to the higher and better life. To see this spirit in lively young girls is something most beautiful.

I have never known our girls, knowingly, to break a Panhellenic ruling. They always stand loyally by their contracts and consider themselves honor bound.

Beta should be warmly congratulated on the stand she takes in all interfraternity matters. As I said in the beginning, we have a group of girls we may well be proud of.

Now for some of the unfavorable criticism. There is one thing I should like to see in Beta, that is, more mature girls. The older heads often act as a ballast to the younger ones. They have lived through the "social ideal" age and take advantage of what the university has to offer. Their ideals, their estimate of the value of things, cannot help having a good influence upon the younger members of the chapter. The freshmen will have a great deal of respect for the older girls who are earnest and sincere in their work and bring in A and B marks on their term reports. They help raise the standard of any chapter.

One of the worst things we have to battle with in Indiana university is the fall rush. This is, of course, a thing for which Theta is not responsible, but she must take her share of the responsibility. All

fraternities here are losing their dignity in the way this rush is conducted, and an injustice is done the "rushee." A prospective "rushee" is invited to spend a week-end at some chapter house and has a lovely time. She attends a couple of dances, receives callers on Sunday afternoon, probably goes out for dinner Sunday, and so on until Monday morning, when she goes home to dream of the good times she is going to have at the university next year. The next year comes. She is caught in the maddest of whirls. Teas, breakfasts, dances, receptions, follow each other with amazing rapidity. Each chapter is lying in wait to capture her. The girl, with all this whirl, gets at the very outset, a wrong conception of university life. The social side is the side that is put foremost. The "rushee" is the one sought. She is the one who confers the honor when a proposition is given.

What about our high ideals that every Theta knows to be the heart of our fraternity? Get away from this mad rush. Let the girl be with us long enough for us to know whether she is capable of carrying fifteen hours a term and making her grades. Know her long enough to know whether or not she can live up to the standard we have in our constitution. Live up to it ourselves so that, when we ask a girl in a dignified manner to join us, it is Theta who confers the honor.

I wish that every chapter would awake to her dignity, and keep our banner where it belongs, in the foremost of those who stand for high scholarship, high social ideals, and the true dignity of womanhood.

Maud Showers Myers

Mrs Frances Murphy Baker died at Indianapolis, Mar. 16.

'12 Jeanne Crowder was here the last of Feb.

'12-ex Edith Gronondyke will be in college again spring term.

'13 Louise Keller visited us the week-end of Mar. 7.

'14 Erema Wilk and Louise Craig attended the state dance at Indianapolis, Mar. 7.

'17 Marjory Lewis has just returned to college after being at home for ten days on account of illness.

'17 Since Jan. we have pledged Luella Smith and Ruth O'Merill.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Though in reality I must now go by the title of alumna, yet in spirit I am still with the girls in college. I appreciate even more fully

the greatness of our fraternity and of fraternity life, since I am an onlooker, for with the actual past experience I can now view from afar and realize the magnanimity and usefulness of this kind of an organization.

In general college activities our Gamma girls take an earnest part, and the influence and high character of the chapter are factors which make Theta looked up to by all students of Butler. One of the greatest of the college honors has recently been bestowed upon Katharine Jameson—that of being made President of Young Women's Christian association. Marjory Hall and Ruth Cunningham are on the executive committee of the Lotus club, the girls' organization. Several Thetas have been hostesses for the monthly meetings of this club.

The chapter meetings this year have been most impressive to me. The fact that the chapter has splendid unity in striving for the fulfillment of our highest ideals is clearly evident in fraternity meetings. And not only have those distinctive qualities of Kappa Alpha Theta been shown to us who are on the inside, but stand forth ever ready to prove its right to exist to those critics who will not believe our worth.

At the end of the first semester, we alumnae, as well as the girls in college, were exceedingly happy to know that Kappa Alpha Theta ranked highest in scholarship of the three national women's fraternities, and besides, Katharine Jameson held third place on the honor roll, by far the highest standing of any fraternity girl.

On March 7 we had our third annual state dance at the Claypool hotel. This is Theta's big event on the social calendar, and as usual was a most successful and enjoyable affair. This year the chapter has been giving monthly parties for the active girls and pledges. However, a few of us alumnae not long out of college, were allowed the privilege of enjoying one of the parties which they gave at Lela Duke's. That evening the freshmen were required to sing an original Theta song, and oh! how it did arouse Gamma's enthusiasm in singing. The words and tunes of the various compositions were very catchy, and, as a result, we have a brand-new collection for our own use. These parties seem an exceedingly good plan, especially since sophomore initiation has been adopted, as it gives the girls an opportunity

to get closer to the freshmen, in a way different from that which the daily routine affords.

2 April 1914

Ellen O. McMurray

'15 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Lela Duke and Leland Huey of Indianapolis.

Mary Parker, Katharine Jameson, Frances Keith, Clara Wilson, Ethel Sellers and Eda Boos will attend the Junior prom at Purdue university Apr. 24.

Bernice Hall is at the University of Illinois this semester.

'17 Mary Ashby and Ruth Robertson are attending Wisconsin university this semester.

Mrs Foley (Jessie Ragsdale) is now living in Bloomington, Ind.

Bernice Hall came over to our March dance bringing Miss Areta Covey, Delta, as her guest.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Florence Snodgrass to Mr Seburn, of Indianapolis.

A son, John Martin, was born Mar. 12, to Mr and Mrs McKinstrey (Josephine Weist).

We wish to announce the pledging of Charlotte Bachman.

Our chapter entertained the $\Sigma \Delta \Sigma$ sorority, who has received a charter grant from $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, with a tea on Mar. 26 at the home of Marjorie Hall.

Beulah Meek was married Nov. 25, 1913, to Lawrence Earl Garriott.

Mr and Mrs Irwin Cotton (Lois Cooper) and baby son, Wright, are spending the winter at Miami, Fla.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

February and March, the usual dull months of the year, have been a period of growth for Delta and for Illinois. An addition to the library is being rapidly constructed, and the plans for the enlargement of the Commerce building are being drawn.

To us, Delta's recent addition is even more promising. Eight new sisters were welcomed into our chapter on the evening of March 14—Patience Penniwell, Elizabeth Harris, Faith Swigart, Lois Philbrick, Leone Merrit, Esther Lynch, Eleanor Babbit, and Hortense Gettys.

During the past two weeks we have had the privilege of hearing Madame Schumann-Hinck, and of seeing the Irish players here in our small town, through the energetic work of the faculty and the Drama league. So far the students have given hearty support to those endeavors to furnish more valuable and cultural recreation.

Higher up, a comedy written by Mr. T. A. Guild, a popular member of the English faculty, has just been presented by Mask and Bauble, the dramatic society. It was of particular interest to us, as Hilah Jane Link '15, played the leading part of Eloise Eldrich. Another of our '15 girls, Beatrice Copley, has brought honor to Delta by her recent election to Phi Beta Kappa. She was one of the four juniors elected.

Our first Vocational conference has occupied most of our spare time for the past few days. All of the best known fields of work for women, with the exception of teaching, were presented by lectures and by private conferences. Dr. Bagley opened the conference with an enlightening address on the *Choice of a vocation*, and after his talk came instructive and inspiring lectures by Miss Helen Bennett and Miss Breckenridge of Chicago, Miss Alvord of Wisconsin, and Miss Bevier and Miss Raymond of Illinois. The conference was held under the auspices of the Woman's league, of which Margaret Sawyer '14, is president.

30 March 1914

Ella Burns

'14 Miss Geraldine Bullard spent a week-end recently at the chapter house.

'11-ex Announcement has been made of the engagement of Edwina Roe.

Announcement has been made of the marriage, Mar. 26, of Anna Shaw Pinkum to Robert Jacobs of Eau Claire, Wis.

'09-ex Emma Ody Pohl this summer will spend three months in Switzerland.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

'88 Mary B. Henderson sailed the last of Feb. for a visit of several months with friends in Japan and China.

'90-ex Elizabeth Gaston Mateer (Mrs H. N.) has been spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla.

'93 Louise Scovel Loux (Mrs Duboi H.) is now living at 148 1st st. New Brighton, Staten Is. N. Y.

'95-ex Josephine Taylor Slagle (Mrs J. F.) of Moundville, W. Va. is visiting Wooster friends.

'98 Louise Morrison Dunn is doing settlement work at the Goodrich House, Cleveland.

'03 Esther Hemphill Blaser (Mrs Arthur) is spending several months in Albuquerque, N. Mex.

'03 In the early part of March, Mary Hauptert was married to Mr Glenn F. Chamney of Wheeling, W. Va.

'05 Mr and Mrs H. D. Allen (Mary Sanborn) are soon to move to Scottdale, Pa. where Mr. Allen is to be pastor of the Baptist church. Mrs Allen is visiting for a month in Wooster before going to Scottdale.

'11 In the absence of the permanent secretary, Kathryn Anderson is for the present in charge of the Y. W. C. A. of Woodford county, Ill. Her address is Minonk, Ill.

'11 Three Epsilon girls spent the midwinter vacation together in Seoul, Korea at the home of Lera Avison. For this reunion Katharine Seelye made a three days' journey by rail from Peking, China up through Manchuria, while Jeannette McClelland travelled one day from Kwangju, Korea. While in Seoul, Katharine Seelye gave a recital at the Y. M. C. A.

'13 Frances Goheen left Wellesley at the end of the first semester in order to begin her nurses' training course on Mar. 1. She finds even a probationer's work interesting. She has been assigned to the children's ward, and writes with enthusiasm of making hospital supplies, of dusting, bed-making and running after rubber balls and tin soldiers. Her address is: Presbyterian Hospital, 37 East 71st st. New York City.

'14 Agnes Scott was called home early in March by the death of her father.

'15-ex Ruth McCandliss will sail in April for Naples. There she expects to meet her mother and brother, and together they will spend the summer in Switzerland.

Epsilon girls are planning to have the usual Theta alumnae breakfast in June. As many of the alumnae as can come, are urged to return for this reunion.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

This twenty-first year of Eta chapter's life has been a particularly serene and happy one—and this in spite of the unusual size of the chapter—thirty-five members. One great blow to the chapter was the loss of Catherine Bigelow in January. Catherine has been during her connection with the chapter the one strongest influence for good. She writes happy letters from her Texas farm but Eta is not consoled.

It is difficult to say whether just now the chapter is proudest of its twelve fine seniors or of the nine splendid freshmen initiated in February, every one of Eta's pledges having gained the eighteen honor points necessary to initiation. And these freshmen have other virtues to commend them besides their industry. Initiation was a particularly happy occasion. Not only were many Eta alumnae and patronesses present but Thetas from eight other chapters.

Our Mary Yost, a Vassar graduate, whom Eta initiated last fall, a woman whose judgment you would all trust if you knew her, told us at the initiation banquet of her impressions of fraternity life, which was of course an entirely new experience to her. She dwelt upon the *sanity* of the chapter house life. The real and proper interest in the things of the intellect, and the helpful happy spirit of friendship—no over-sentimentality, no over-demonstrativeness, but a wholesome, genuine congeniality and understanding. She also pointed out what we all feel, that the true home atmosphere that is so evident in the chapter house is due to the quiet influence of our much-beloved house mother, Mrs. Vedder.

Members of Eta chapter have their share of college honors and their part in the various college activities, which there is no space here to enumerate. Kappa Alpha Theta stands first of the women's fraternities in scholarship—and Michigan's standard is high. Proud as we are of these facts, we may be equally proud that the chapter is well balanced, containing as it does many interesting individualities, that it has not run after strange gods, and that it has learned to meet serious problems (of which it has had its share) with courage and dignity.

Myra Post Cady

Mrs Ruth Sinclair entertained the Thetas in the girls' glee club—on the trip in Mar.

'08 Anna Drummond visited in Ann Arbor the last of Mar.

'12 Gladys Vedder, who teaches at Romeo, is visiting her mother in Ann Arbor this spring vacation.

'13 Ruby L. Severance spent several days in Ann Arbor in Apr. She attended the Schoolmasters' club.

'12-ex Kathryn Sherwood (Mrs Samuel Roberts) spent several days in Ann Arbor this spring. She brought her baby, Sherwood Roberts, to visit his Theta aunts.

'14-ex Corene Aldrich has visited the chapter several times this spring.

Born in March to Mr and Mrs Lewis Gustafson (Irene Baker) a daughter. Address: 5866 Julian st. St Louis, Mo.

'82 Mrs Laura H. Norton sails the last of June for two months in France.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

"Flattering or otherwise." Only this, with the request to give an *impartial* view of the chapter! Impartial! Is such a view possible if one loves one's chapter, even though one be an old grad? "These

things did not happen when I was in college." "We did not do that when we were seniors." How many times the temptation comes to the majority of us to let such words slip, and alas! how often we fall. Yet on the other hand, how seldom we say—"These girls are doing things better than we did." But chapters seem to exist and actually to flourish even after "we" graduate. So I ask again can I hope to be really impartial?

Every chapter has its temporary troubles and faults, each succeeding year bringing a different set. What good to the chapter or to the alumnae and sisters, to parade our petty family troubles before the Theta public?

I will mention only a couple of points that have impressed me. It would be of inestimable benefit to both the chapter and to the alumnae living in Ithaca, if there could be a better regulated system for becoming acquainted. But this lack of acquaintance between the girls and the alumnae cannot be wholly laid to the former. It has long been a puzzle to me why fifteen fine, strong, interested and enthusiastic Thetas, all living closely together, are still unorganized. The new dormitory, dividing the chapter, has greatly complicated the social life of the girls and between the girls and the alumnae. Such a bugbear as calls always appear to girls! Yet when we had a schedule for calls upon alumnae and faculty, we did not find it so arduous, and were well repaid by the enjoyment of deeper friendship with the alumnae.

In general, the scholarship of the chapter is splendid and we are now glorying in a junior Phi Beta Kappa. Our one "bust" at "mid-years" can be, partly at least, laid to the chapter. It was all owing to too many outside interests in class and college affairs. The chapter as a whole should regulate the schedules of its members and see that their work is in good condition. However, the girls realize this and such a mistake is not likely to happen again.

A sophomore said to me yesterday—"I sometimes fear we are *too* nice." I do not claim to be a judge of niceness, but suffice it to say, they are *not too* nice to be a thoroughly charming group. Never since I have known Iota—dating way back into the dim ages—has there been gathered together a more cultured and attractive bunch.

Sal Bailey Sailor '09

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Edith Adams Young to Mr Edgar W. Hultman, Mar. 28, 1914. Address: City Point, Va.

Born to Mr and Mrs Russel N. Thatcher, (Isabell Robertson) a son, Mar. 13. Address: 479 Prospect Pl. Brooklyn, N. Y.

'09 Mr and Mrs Clarence Rogers (Christie Avery) have changed their residence from Ithaca, to Burgen, N. Y.

'15 Mildred Watt has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs Mabel M. Hincks, District president, Miss Mary Millman, Sigma, and Miss Mabel Watts, Lambda, were guests of the chapter in Mar.

Helena Dixon, Rebecca Harris, Louise Bontecou, Mildred Watt, Anna Woodward, Helen Bennett, Jean Holmes, Elizabeth Rowlee, and Editha Smith attended the District convention at Syracuse, March 12 to 15.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

In response to a request to write the chapter letter for Kappa, I will begin by introducing, not our recent initiates, though they are well worthy of that attention, but our "finished product," six seniors of the best Theta type. These are: Nell Carraher, of Kansas City, delegate to the last Theta convention and already known to some of you; Florence Fuqua, of Kansas City, Phi Beta Kappa, member of Torch club, an honorary society among women of the senior class, president of Young Women's Christian association, student-pastor for the Congregational church; Ruth Harger, of Abilene, member of Quill club, a society for writers, member of both Pi Gamma Sigma and Theta Sigma Phi, honorary fraternities in the department of education and of journalism respectively; Eleanor Keith, of Byars, Oklahoma, member of the Home economics club; Marie Sealy, of Independence, Missouri, president of Pi Gamma Sigma, member of Torch club, chairman of the social service committee of the Young Women's Christian association; Amarynthia Smith, of Louisville, Kentucky, sorority editor on the Annual board, on Senior play committee, member of the Home economics club.

It will be seen that these young women have taken their part in the activities and responsibilities of university life, aside from their scholastic, fraternity, and social duties, and they are besides very charming personally—well worthy to uphold Theta standards in the new life opening before them.

In scholarship, Kappa chapter stands second this year among the

sororities in the university. At the end of last semester no failures nor conditions were recorded against any of the twenty-seven girls in the chapter.

The new chapter house is well adapted for entertaining, and during the year is the scene of many delightful social functions. A reception was given on February 28 for all the faculty and their wives; a large number accepted the invitation, and were very pleasantly entertained. On April 3 the house was thrown open to all the girls in the university, who were invited by the Panhellenic organization to meet the recently elected Dean of women, Mrs. Eustace Brown. About two hundred were received during the afternoon. Elsa Barteldes, one of our juniors, is president this year of the local Panhellenic.

Pleasant relations exist between the active chapter and the *alumnæ* club of Thetas living in Lawrence. The latter are deeply interested in all that pertains to the college girls, and are glad to help them in any way possible. The *alumnæ* are always invited to the chapter house for initiations and to witness the stunts at freshman frolics, and very enjoyable occasions these are. On Founders'-day, for a number of years, the active and *alumnæ* wearers of the kite have celebrated jointly by giving a formal dinner, followed by toasts and Theta songs. This year's celebration was especially enjoyable because of the number of out of town Thetas who came back, and because of the unusual interest and brilliance of the toasts and responses. Mrs. Elizabeth Stone Walker was the very clever toast-mistress, and responses were given by Ruth Harger, Kappa, Miss Stophlet, Delta and Kansas City *alumnæ*, Anna Dyke Learnard, Lambda and Lawrence *alumnæ*, and Mrs. Estey, Topeka *alumnæ*.

I cannot close without a word about the three members whom we have lost this year. They will be greatly missed, particularly by the older members of the chapter. Cora Pierson Hopkins and Margaret Eidemiller were two of the Founders of this chapter, and May Webster Spencer was one of the early initiates. On the reverse of the title-page of the first number of KAPPA ALPHA THETA, which was issued by this chapter, will be found the names, Maggie R. Eidemiller, May L. Webster, Associate Editors.

4 April 1914

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Kappa chapter has a new affiliate, Nelle Koken Mann from Alpha Mu. Mrs Mann is doing graduate work in the philosophy department.

'10-ex Alice Turner is librarian in the city library in Spokane, Wash.

Born to Mr and Mrs Herman Walker (Carrie Calhoun) a daughter. Address Bisbee, Ariz.

Born to Mr and Mrs W. H. Moore (Nell Wilhelmi) a son. Address: 1811 Kendall ave. Madison, Wis.

Hazel Allison Forde (Mrs Edgar) our District president, visited us for several days in Feb.

'13 Pauline Murray and Asa Black, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, were married Feb. 18. Mr and Mrs Black visited us in March. Address: Wellington, Kan.

'12 Myra Rogers Smith (Mrs Amos) was back for a short visit in Feb.

'12 Euphemia Smart Cannon (Mrs Walter) visited here Feb. 18.

'15-ex Rachel Coston Theis (Mrs Frank) was here for a short time in March. Mr and Mrs Theis are going to move soon to Hastings, Neb.

Born to Mr and Mrs Floyd Doubleday (Alice Wilhelmi) a son.

'02 Rachel Pugh is now visiting in Lawrence.

'05 Carolyn Doubleday Yates (Mrs R. D.) was back for a day's visit in Lawrence.

The new address of Lena Morrow Sutton (Mrs E. B.) is Perris, Calif.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

As I look from my home toward the crest of the hill where the sun comes up in the morning, my eyes rest upon the building which houses many of our college-going members of Lambda, so as neighbor-alumna I have been asked to give an impression or two of Lambda as she is today. I forewarn you that that impression will be given in the spirit of Antigone who said—"My nature is to love with those who love".

As of old, Lambda has members of truly heroic character, power to surmount difficulties and large power to serve. She has gifted members, too, favored children of nature. If, as is sometimes the case, a Theta has not had cultured advantages before coming to college her enthusiasm for the higher learning is so genuine that growth will be constant and attainment sure. There is only a delay of a few years caused by lack of wealth and leisure. Many members have had the advantages of rural life. The love of the open country is in their hearts and brings them peace. Some have marked pioneer qualities of mind. Their Dean and personal friend, like her teacher, Mrs. Ellen

Richards, is a woman planned to walk in untrodden paths and make the way straight for others. Such is the influence they are under.

For the most part they have strength of body and their ways of life have a true simplicity. While society is passing through a condition of extravagance on its way from the simplicity of poverty to that higher simplicity which is the last fruit of fine culture, Lambda girls spend comparatively little money and are very happy withal.

All the girls in the present chapter are in college for four years. They are active in college affairs and always cooperate with the authorities for the general good. Not least in importance is the good fellowship with women not of their fraternity which is conscientiously striven for and greatly enjoyed.

Fraternity means a great deal to Lambda members. They have received much and they love much. We who look on are proud of their loyalty and proud that they are working, one and all, as we believe they are, "to approve the things that are excellent."

3 April 1914

E. Mabel Brownell '01

'85 Mary Mills Deyette, teacher in the Burlington high school, spent her Easter vacation in Providence, R. I.

'90 Grace Wright spent her Easter vacation in Burlington.

'94 Iota. Clara Schouten Robinson, wife of Prof Robinson of the engineering faculty, acted as toast-mistress at Lambda's initiation banquet, held at the Van Ness Hotel on Mar. 21.

'01 Mabel Brownell, who is doing social service work at the Neighborhood house, represented Burlington alumnae chapter at the District convention held at Syracuse in Mar.

'03 Harriet Hodge, who is teaching in the Ely school, Greenwich, Conn. spent the spring recess at her home in Burlington.

'06 Alice Derby, a teacher in East Orange, N. J. was in Burlington at Easter.

'06-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Walter Bellrose (Grace Dean) a son.

'09 Mary Root was a guest of the chapter at initiation time.

'09-ex Gertrude Gilbert has resigned her position in the library of the Department of agriculture at Washington.

'11 Ruth Votey who has spent the winter in Egypt and southern Europe will return in May or June.

'13 Lambda extends its sympathy to Mary Simpson, who was recently called to her home in East Craftsbury by the death of her father. She has since resigned her position in People's academy, Morrisville, and will be at home for the remainder of the year.

'13-ex Edith Brown of Manchester was the guest of the chapter initiation week.

'13-ex Hazel Weeks, teacher of home economics in Montpelier, was a guest of the chapter at initiation.

'13-ex The engagement of Helen Daniels to Dr Lloyd Robinson, University of Pennsylvania is announced.

'13 Bessie Thayer, a teacher in People's academy at Morrisville, was a recent guest at Grassmount.

'15 Mabel Watts was Lambda's delegate at the District convention held in Syracuse. At the close of the convention she spent a day as the guest of Iota in Ithaca.

'16 Ruth Grandy and Pearl Grandy '17 spent the Easter vacation in Newport, Vt.

Lambda wishes to introduce to the fraternity her eight initiates: Irene Barrett '15, of Burlington, Gladys Fauley '16, of Bennington, Grace Scofield '16, of Burlington, Elizabeth Baker '17, of Montclair, N. J. Helen Chapin '17, of Jericho, Helen Dewey '17, of Royalton, Pearl Grandy '17, of Burlington, Jennie Maxfield '17, of Johnson. Initiation was held Mar. 21 at the home of Mrs Emma Lane Votey '83-ex, followed by a banquet at Hotel Van Ness. We were very happy to have with us at that time Mrs Mabel Millman Hincks of Toronto, our District president.

Burlington alumnae chapter gave a delightful luncheon at the Klifa club on Saturday, Mar. 21, in honor of Mrs Hincks. The active chapter entertained at an afternoon tea in her honor, on Mar. 23, at the home of Helen Rutter '16.

Among the alumnae present at initiation were: Ellen Miller Johnson '78, Martha Matthews '83-ex, Sarah Martin '76, Mary Bates '94, Ruth Fisher Roberts '99, Marion McIntyre Loudon '99-ex, Mabel Brownell '01, Ruth Bond Gray '06, Bertha Field '10.

Sara Wooster Eno is in charge of the circulation and reference departments of Bryn Mawr college library, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Maude E. Davis is keeping house for her father at Wells River, Vt. She is studying music, voice and violin, in Boston, making the 186 mile trip for a lesson every week. She is also doing some work for the Vermont State Christian endeavor society.

'80 Clara Pease Newton (Mrs W. R.) will spend the summer abroad, touring Italy, Greece and Switzerland with a Raymond-Whitcomb party. About Aug 1, she will join her husband in Germany, where he is studying at the University of Münster, and they will tour Germany together.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

One of the most delightful experiences of my life has been to return to the old college after an absence of some years, to find a little circle

of girls still cherishing the same hopes and joys, the same ideals and aspirations that were dominant years ago. The old days may have been good ones, but who can say that the new ones are not distinctly better!

I wish every alumna member of Mu chapter could come back, not only for a visit, but for a year's residence, at least. Many changes have taken place, but they only show that Mu has lived and grown, and taken on beauty and dignity with the years. Not one of the "old girls" would ever feel the doubt that lived in the mind of the district school inspector, who never failed to say to the school he was visiting, "The question air, air there any pro-gress? And if there air any, where air it?" For on every side is evidence that the chapter has kept pace with the marked progress of the college in the past decade.

Visits from some of the alumnæ have made me sure that I am not entirely partial in my estimate of the present chapter. While I feel safe in saying that the love of the active members for the fraternity was greatly strengthened by their coming to know even slightly some of the girls whose names had long been familiar.

No group or organization in the college felt more keenly than our Theta chapter, the sudden death of Prof Dutton. We had always counted him one of our best friends. His death came, as his life had been spent, in the performance of his duty.

There are many things I would like to tell the alumnæ of Mu, but space is limited and I can only wish that every one might share my experience and live for a year in the old surroundings. But failing that let us all come back in 1915 for the college centennial, and get acquainted!

31 March 1914

Sabra W. Vought

'99 Mr and Mrs Wm. H. Pratt (Belle Bartholomew) and her sister, Maud Bartholomew More (Mrs Jos.) were here for Washington's Birthday banquet.

'00 Julia Krech is in charge of a social settlement house in Brooklyn, N. Y. Address: 525 Grand Ave.

'00 Mr and Mrs O. Lowe (Coral Merchant) and their little daughter, Esther, are now living in their new bungalow, the plans and drawings for which Mrs Lowe made herself. Address: R. D. 1, Wilksburg, Pa.

'04 Bess Dutton has been in town several weeks since the death of Prof Dutton, Mar. 19.

'05 Lettie L. Johnston is attending the University of Wisconsin this semester.

'07 Born, Feb. 12, a daughter, Joan Courtenay, to Mr and Mrs J. H. Brightman (Amy Courtenay). Present address: 387 Stoddart ave. Columbus, O.

'08 Wahnita Danford was married to George Elwood Jones, June 26, 1913 at Bernardsville, N. J. Present address: 44 North Broad st. Newark, N. J.

'09 Julia M. Heibel is teaching in East Orange, N. J. and lives with her brother, in the same apartment as Mr and Mrs G. E. Jones, in Newark.

'11-ex Mae Straw was married to Mr Root in June 1913.

'14 Muza Anchors, having completed her required work, is at home this term.

Those who were here for Initiation, March 7, were Rebecca Cooper '90, Gertrude Harper '96, Mrs Wm. Brakeman (Edna Haynes) '97, Mrs C. L. Webb (Josephine Bates) '98-ex, Mrs F. P. Miller (Florence Grauel) '08, Lottie Hammett '10, Grace Miller '10, Mrs Root (Mae Straw) '11-ex, Ruth Kelly '11, Augusta Gibbons '12, Helene Peck '12, Annie Bishop '13, and Dorothy Sansom '13.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

It is indeed a task to describe Rho chapter in a few words.

During the winter we have been having monthly luncheons and I feel that these have done much toward keeping the older as well as the younger alumnæ actively interested in Theta, as well as keeping the college chapter in touch with old Thetas.

Being at the chapter only occasionally, I am impressed with the spirit of cooperation and consideration for others which is very evident, and I think our chaperon, Miss Cleland, has done much toward making this influence.

Rho has an unusually strong group of upperclassmen this year, and it is with regret that we alumnæ see them leave the active chapter but they are leaving behind them a fine lot of girls who will be able, I am sure, to fill their places admirably.

2 April 1914

Helen Laws Avery

'04 Georgia Patterson has announced her engagement to Fred Kaiser of Omaha, Neb.

'11-ex The engagement has been announced of Ellen Kingsley to Ben Goddard of Los Angeles, Cal.

'12-ex The engagement has been announced of Lucy Dill to Charles Husted, K Σ.

'14 Geraldine Gray has announced her engagement to Alfred E. Burr,
Δ T.

'14 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Louise Northrup to
Harry Coffee, A T Ω.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The active chapter consists of nineteen girls and that seems a goodly number since only a short time ago fifteen was considered a fair-sized chapter. We thought then that a larger number would prove unwieldy but Sigma at the present time refutes that theory and is still a compact and well-organized unit.

The girls are active in college affairs, one being president of the Women's literary society and others holding offices in various societies and clubs. Their scholarship, too, seems good on the whole, so that they cannot be called mere sports or tango-ites!

These general statements, however, will not give the distant alumna much idea of the chapter. One has to meet the girls to know how well they come up to Theta's standards and how bright and entertaining they can be. The chapter room on Huron street is used a great deal during the winter, and the kitchen, behind the piano, has been much in requisition for lunches, teas and suppers. Once a month the chapter meeting is held at 6:30 and alumnae are very cordially invited to be present at this supper meeting, as well as at the others. While relishing some wonderful samples of culinary art one has a splendid opportunity of chumming with a freshman who perhaps giggles more than one ever thought possible for a college girl to do and who makes one realize the passage of time. Perhaps in the first year of college, life was a huge joke to us too.

2 April 1914

Mabel E. Grubbe

'07 Margaret Anderson is expected in Toronto soon.

'07 Mabel Millman Hincks has returned from her visits as District president to Syracuse, Vermont and Cornell.

'08 Helen Thompson was in Toronto in the early winter.

'08 Jessie Barber is travelling in the West Indies and Panama.

'09 Jessie McCurdy is assistant librarian in the public library at Madison, N. J.

'10 Kathleen McAlister Lang visited her parents in Montreal during the last week.

'10-ex Dora Mavor has given up her position in the Margzret Eaton school of expression.

'13 Gertrude Wright is working in the biological department of the university.

'13 Helen Smellie paid several short visits in Toronto during the winter.

'10 Mono McLaughlin, '10 Mary Kentner, '14 Mary Millman, '14 Muriel Cameron and Marjory Fraser went to the district convention at Syracuse. Mary Millman spent one day at Cornell en route home.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

How I wish that every one of you could drop in and visit Tau! Of course there are changes and many new faces, but the spirit remains the same.

It does seem rather odd without freshman pledges, but this is the second year that the fraternities here have tried sophomore pledging, and Tau has kept to her usual high standard of girls.

The chapter is represented in every college activity; one Theta in junior play; one president of the Athletic association; one on the Woman's league council; one president of the junior class, and three on the Young Women's Christian association cabinet. In addition, several others hold minor offices.

Thursday our two new pledges, Helen Carney and Mabel Keig, are to be initiated. Friday evening the girls are giving a large dance at the beautiful new Evanston woman's club at which two representatives from every other sorority will be present.

April 9, Alta Miller, one of our resident alumnæ, opens her home to the Thetas who are entertaining some of the college men with a stunt-party.

On March 22 Tau was the guest of Beulah Tomblin at Aurora. Our two new pledges acted as waitresses and it was a jolly, hungry crowd that gathered around the long dinner table. In the afternoon three large automobiles took us all over town.

The following Friday afternoon Helen Chapman entertained the chapter, and last Sunday Helen Carney invited all the girls to tea.

On Tuesday afternoon Lucy Williams gave a tea for the girls and the visiting alumnæ, and Sunday Dorothy Martin has invited the chapter to a supper in honor of Helen Ryan '13, who is to be married in August.

Saturday evening the junior class presents *The fortune hunter* in which Dorothy Martin plays Angie, a droll little country girl.

Although this letter seems to be a list of social events, the girls are conscientious students and this year held a high place in scholarship.

2 April 1914

Margaret Holton '13

'09 Frances Pearl Greenough is to be Y. W. C. A. secretary at Northwestern next year.

'10 Ruth Baker is doing postgraduate work at the University of California.

'12 Ruth Ward visited the chapter in Apr. She is to take work in the School of music the rest of the year.

'13 Helen Ryan has announced her engagement to Sterry Long, Φ K Ψ, Princeton '14.

'13 Zelda Henson visited the chapter in Mar.

'13-ex Margaret Holton visited the chapter in Apr. She has announced her engagement to Herbert Custer Thomas, Φ Γ Δ, Purdue.

'15-ex Marion Jennings returns from Germany in Apr.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The college chapter has had a strenuous time this year and the girls are really entitled to a great deal of credit. A large class graduated last year and the fourteen girls that came back had to contend with a small chapter, a large house, and Sophomore pledging. You know that for years there has been more or less talk about the dangers of early rushing and pledging. Well, Minnesota decided to try Sophomore pledging but modified the system later, for pledging in May, and the year has seemed strange and unreal to the girls without the inspiration of freshman confidence and appreciation.

When college opened this fall there was none of the old excitement, and rushing was confined to girls who had completed a year of college work, at Minnesota or elsewhere. Written bids were mailed and there was supposed to be no subsequent rushing or attempt to influence. The results were far from satisfactory and there was much complaint. Since the written bids were extended there has been opportunity to bid such girls as desired, and most of the chapters have secured some very desirable pledges.

Sophomore pledging may be all right in theory, and might work out if there was no rushing during the freshman year but the fraternities at Minnesota are not well pleased with the local experiment

and the freshman girls are sick and tired of the long drawn out system of rushing while the fraternity girls are nearly worn out with continued strain of meeting new girls and trying to keep in touch with them without violating the numerous rushing rules. Panhellenic association has just decided on the new system for next year and Pledge-day is set for December 4.

The small chapter has meant increased responsibility and more work for each member and the girls have taken hold and accomplished a great deal in all lines of college activity. There are ten chapters at Minnesota and competition is keen along all lines. Kappa Alpha Theta is to be congratulated on being able to hold a position in the front rank.

29 March 1914

Nellie W. Thompson

'11-ex Born to Mr and Mrs George Pomeroy Bartholamew (Marjorie Lovejoy) a son, Stephen, Mar. 21, 1914. Address: 15 Marston Place, Glen Ridge, N. J.

'14-ex Born to Mr and Mrs S. E. Northway (Lois C. Jayne) a son, David William, Mar. 24, 1914. Address: Courtney, N. Y.

Mr and Mrs Jennings Litzenberg (Elizabeth Fisher) sail for Europe Apr. 16, where they will spend the summer.

'13 The wedding of Marjorie Child to Harry Evans will take place Apr. 13. They will live in Crookston, Minn.

'14 The wedding of Kathryn Loyhed to Robert Pye of Faribault will take place June 4.

Edna Broom who has been spending the winter in Long Beach, Calif. will return in May.

'15-ex Muriel Thayer has left college this semester on account of ill health. She will return next Sept. for two more years of college work.

'13 Luella Bussey is teaching this semester at East high school, Minneapolis.

Mrs Dan Tailor has recently been elected secretary of the Woman's club of Minneapolis.

Born to Mr and Mrs Arthur Harrison Brown (Nellie Kenney) on Mar. 7, a son, Charles Freeman Brown, 2nd. Address: 11 Wellington Road, Brookline, Mass.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

All alumnae members of Phi will be interested to hear of the success of the Founders'-day dinner, held on March 9. We gathered, over four hundred of us, trustees, faculty, alumni, and students in Encina

hall to make a merry banquet cap with fitting climax a day of loyal homage to the Stanfords. Greetings were exchanged, songs sung, and a few brief speeches made, while President Branner, as toast-master, fully expressed the spirit of the evening in his witty, yet kindly remarks. Every one realized that he meant it from the bottom of his heart when he told the alumni that this was but a sample of the hearty welcome they would always find awaiting them here.

Another event of really historical significance is the actual commencement of work upon the Stanford women's clubhouse; a vision of many generations of Stanford women that is, at last, taking tangible shape. The foundation is laid—the walls are going up. Next fall will doubtless see the building finished and equipped. It is situated near the Post Office, and the men's clubhouse, also in process of erection, with which it will later be connected by a court and arcades.

Phi, in addition to the part played in these activities, has come bravely through a time of trial at home. Deprived of both chapter president and house-manager, Carol Green having undergone an operation for appendicitis, and Dorothy Traphagen not having returned to college, the girls have serenely proved themselves capable of meeting unexpected responsibilities in a thoroughly satisfactory way.

The lack of freshmen has created a serious problem for the sororities at Stanford. This year there were but forty-three freshman girls, as most of the new girls came with advanced standing. However, it is now arranged that freshmen shall be given an equal chance of admission to the chosen "500" with upperclass women, and we are counting upon a readjustment of conditions.

The first week of April, spring vacation, finds Phi's members departing for the seashore. There, in all the comfort of old clothes, they expect to recuperate from junior week festivities and gain energy for the last month of college work and play.

28 March 1914

Dorothy Marx '11

'08 Elsie Branner Fowler leaves early in April for Washington, D. C. She will join her husband there and they will spend several months visiting in the east.

Frances Kerr Cook (Mrs D. C.) and three children are in St. Petersburg, Fla. recuperating from four cases of whooping cough.

'10 Born Mar. 18, to Mr and Mrs Robert W. Cross (Helen Green) a son, Robert William, jr.

'10 Helen Hill is playing the part of Lady Canning with Effie Shannon in *Her Lord and master*.

'12 Elsie Parker, Dorothy Traphagen '14-ex, and Katherine Graham '12, are visiting the chapter.

'13 Vesta Wagner is coming to visit the chapter in a few days.

'13 April 16, Dorothy Stillman will be married to Robert Duryea '13, Δ T. The wedding will take place in the memorial church. Vesta Wagner '13, Dorothy Marx '11, Kathrine Fairclough '14 and Margaret Duryea '15, will be among the bridesmaids.

'14-ex Dorothy Traphagen has announced her engagement to Ormand Stone, Φ K Ψ, a graduate of the University of Virginia.

'14 Flora Marie Rausch enjoyed a week-end visit with Omega recently.

Karoline Silliman Hammond was married Mar. 14, to Mr Royal Ross Moss, Illinois. At home after Apr. 15 at 3940 Fifth st. San Diego, Cal.

Kathryn Lee Culver has announced her engagement to Mr Dwight J. Bradley. Mr Bradley is preparing for the ministry.

Mary Atwood was married in Oct. to Mr Earl Brenk. Her home is in San Diego.

Edith M. Jordan returned in Feb. from an eight months' trip around the world, part of it in company with Dr and Mrs Jordan. She was an official delegate at the Hague Peace conference. She reports having seen in Tokyo Molly Baker, who is devoting herself to the Japanese tongue in preparation for Y. W. C. A. work there.

Sue Barnwell is Immigration secretary for the Los Angeles Y. W. C. A.

Molly Baker's address is 12 Tamachi, Sanchome, Ushigonie, Tokyo, Japan.

Louise Pitcher Lawshe (Mrs J. E.) is now living at 1207 W. 29th st. Los Angeles. She has affiliated with Iota alumnae.

Mabel Packard has opened a studio in South Pasadena. On Mar. 11, she spoke before the Friday morning club's Art conference, (Los Angeles) on *The art of miniature painting* and an exhibition of her work was shown. She is a member of the Chicago art institute, and was an exhibitor and medalist in St. Louis and Paris.

Lucy Souther Galbraith (Mrs Wm.) is living at Coronado, San Diego, Cal.

Mr and Mrs Norman Lawlor (Clara Smith) and small daughter have forsaken Mexico and will make their home in Los Angeles.

Ray Hanna is teaching in the Virgil ave. Intermediate school, Los Angeles.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Would you like to visit with me the chapter house and the girls some Friday evening, for then we shall find the whole family at home?

The freshmen will be discovered first, for they are usually the larg-

est delegation and quite frequently the noisiest. These are no exception. Here are the jolliest, tallest, and fairest-haired girls as well as the most studious, the smallest and most brunettes. Four are living in the chapter house, and are early learning to charm their visitors with their spirit of warm cordiality.

Among the sophomores are the girls who are entering college affairs and training for efficient upperclassmen. The sophomore class in Syracuse university seems to be making an especial effort at organization. The freshmen have always been heralded in college life as well as the upperclassmen, but the sophomores are the *between stage*. This class is unusually well organized and active.

Through its effort many improvements have been made, and a splendid class spirit and acquaintance has been developed. The chapter girls have headed circles in this campaign, and endeavored to aid their larger class in the university. They might find a field in interesting their freshman sisters in the larger college activities—a viewpoint and field some freshies are too new and busy to find for themselves. These girls will miss one of their number, Frances Cafilisch, who leaves at once for a trip abroad, but they are hoping to welcome her back with renewed vigor next fall.

The juniors are the busy folks this year, for they have house management as well as many college activities and studies. One of this class, Jane Scott, has been obliged to drop out on account of illness. The seniors live up to our song "so wise and staid," for in them is rightly found the balance and dignity of the chapter. In fact this year there seems to be no longer that much discussed *Theta type*, but newer and broader *individuality* which with proper Theta training should develop and bind harmoniously.

The social functions have been somewhat limited this year, consisting more of informal dinners for faculty friends, and small parties, with just one formal dance. The greatest event was our District convention in March, which brought us such good fellowship and renewed some acquaintances made at the June convention. Would that you all might have enjoyed its privileges and its pleasures!

27 March 1914

Helen Wright

'97 Mrs J. A. Stranahan (Gladys Hibbard) was in Syracuse for alumnae meeting, Mar. 22.

'08 Mrs E. W. Dalton (Lila Rockwell) has moved to Albany.

'12-ex Mr and Mrs A. P. Foreman (Helen Parker) announces the arrival of a daughter, Mar. 25.

'14-ex Born Mar. 24, to Mr and Mrs S. E. Northway (Lois Jayne) a son.

'16 Frances Caffisch will sail Apr. 2, from Boston to spend a few months in Europe.

Mrs K. F. Ranger, II, has recently moved to Syracuse from Detroit. Address: 407 James st.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

It is a trifle humiliating for one who has been out of a chapter less than a year to be obliged to confess marked improvement in that chapter since she left. But such is my confession in regard to Psi. Those of us who were honest with ourselves could only claim that Theta ranked with the best at Wisconsin—one of the two best of course but no more than that. Now the visiting Theta may listen modestly to the opinions of members of rival fraternities and of presumably unprejudiced outsiders and try not to look too pleased.

It is the alumna's privilege to urge greater attention to scholarship; it is the alumna's sacred duty to be *laudator temporis acti* and to deplore the lowering of scholarship standards. Imagine the amazement of the alumna, finding a group of unusually attractive initiates and gloating over her opportunity to pass on the timeworn admonition to beware of building up a chapter of happy, congenial and popular girls at the expense of the "academic standard", imagine her amazement when she is informed that the semester average of the thirty-three active girls was over ninety per cent. And this really remarkable record seems to have been made without allowing any of the other equally important fraternity ideals to suffer. This is not merely a personal impression but the opinion of a number of people not connected with the chapter.

It is my duty to criticise. My only criticism would be that a chapter of thirty-three may be too large for the most successful service; but after careful thought, I have been unable to decide which girl they could do without. Each one seems to fill her own place and to be doing her work in the interest of Kappa Alpha Theta.

23 March 1914

Julia A. Doe

'89 Carrie Wilson Hughes (Mrs R. C.) E, left Feb. 11 for Parkersburg, Va. for a six weeks' visit.

'10 The engagement of Helen Hutchison to Thomas Kearney, Σ A E, has been announced.

'11 Evelyn Abbott Woodruff (Mrs W. S.) visited her parents in Madison the latter part of Jan.

'12 The engagement of Florence Swetting to H. J. Wilson is announced.

'14-ex The marriage of Fay Kent to Floyd Goodrich Carpenter, Δ K E, took place Feb. 19 at Helena, Mont. After Mar. 15 Mr and Mrs Carpenter will be at home at Estevan, Saskatchewan, Can.

'14 Neva Gates spent her spring vacation at Madison Mar. 28-Apr. 4.

'14 Kathleen Carey spent the week-end of Feb. 13 at Madison.

'14 Laura Gilman spent the week-end of Feb. 13 at Madison.

Julia Doe was at Madison for a week, being here for the initiation of Eloise Taylor, Feb. 18.

'15 Helen Pence has been obliged to leave college, owing to illness and is spending a few weeks at New Orleans.

'15-ex Marie Hitchins was in Madison for a few weeks' visit, Feb. 26 to Mar. 11.

'00 Mollie L. Strong, who is teaching in Beloit high school visited Mrs Winifred Smith Fruit in Chicago recently.

'02-ex Mabel Stewart Knapp (Mrs W. G.) and family move to New York in June.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Three visits to Omega on three special occasions—occasions dear to all Thetas—the birthday, the initiation and the reception—I have been fortunate enough to enjoy.

You all remember the birthday celebration. The sophomore play, as carefully guarded a secret and as full of jokes as ever. This year one of the class wrote the play and we all agreed as to its great success. Mary Gilbert spoke for the alumnae, quite a number of whom were present.

The initiation was beautiful. It may be difficult for the older alumnae to picture an active chapter of thirty odd, swelled by ten or fifteen alumnae, on this occasion. Yet such is the case in our growing university and very successful indeed does our large chapter prove. Edna Wickson Kelly spoke at the banquet and we all had a lovely evening. You who were at the convention in Pasadena remember the banquet song. Omega has adopted it for initiations and we all feel its

thrill. Three girls were initiated: Elsie Bertheau, Katharine Kirkpatrick, Betty Currier, the latter quite a musician. And, alumnae, you will be glad to know that Theta still has her musicians. Can we ever forget the lovely evenings we used to spend, grouped around the fire while one of our number played the violin and someone else sang. Such hours meant a great deal in the chapter life and let us hope that Omega will bring them into her home more and more frequently.

The reception was a very important occasion to the ten freshmen who made their bow to the college world. Quite foreign to old days, when we prepared the refreshment, a caterer was on hand and the several hundred who called were well cared for I assure you.

The house looked lovely, new curtains and upholstering adding a long needed touch.

Katharine McElrath Black

'89 Elsie Lee Turner (Mrs Fred C.) has gone east to attend the convention of the Collegiate alumni association.

'94 Henrietta Brewer and '95, Annie Brewer returned in Mar. to Italy after an extensive trip down the Nile. They sail from London for America in May.

'97 Ethel Olney has announced her engagement to Robert Easton, Δ K E. The wedding will be in April.

'98 Ednah Wickson Kelly (Mrs W. A.) sailed Mar. 26, for Europe.

'04 Kate Smith Turner (Mrs Leslie) will come to Berkeley next summer. Her husband will be here for summer school and next year will be assistant in French in the university.

'10-ex Dorothy Moore Brown (Mrs Frank) is building in Cragmont, near Berkeley.

'11 Born to Ruth Slack Zook (Mrs Edgar) a daughter, named Mary Catherine.

'11-ex Bernice Bronson Butler (Mrs Roy) has moved into her new home, corner of Keeler and Miller Streets, Cragmont.

'12 Helen Runyon Elliott (Mrs Amos) will be down here for summer school.

'12 Edith Clapp will be married Apr. 16.

'12 Muriel Burnham visited the house Mar. 14.

'13 Lucille Addison will be married Apr. 15.

'13 Constance Davis will be married Apr. 14.

'13 Pauline Pierson spent Mar. visiting Dorothy Hart, Marguerite Powell, and Helen Runyon Elliott.

'14 Hermine Henze was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. This means two out of a senior class of four.

'14 Clotilde Grunsky, '16 Ruth Edinger, '17 Anna Doyle, '17 Sepha Pischell, and '17 Olivetta Faulkner were cast for main parts in the Parthenia, the Woman's Spring festival.

'15-ex Belle Hechtman visited the house from Kerman, Cal. Mar. 13.

'16 Helen Goodall will leave for Europe as soon as college closes this spring.

'17 Margaret Calder made the Women's 'varsity tennis team.

One guest at the house during Feb. was Mildred Waite, A E.

Flora Marie Rausch, A E, was at the house in Mar.

Mrs Irene Taylor Heinemann is president of the newly organized University of California woman's club in Los Angeles. She took a leading part in its formation. Mrs Alice Hicks Muma is secretary of the club also.

Mrs Paul Selby (Rowena Moore) with her two children, is concluding a visit of several months in Los Angeles, her former home. She leaves in April to rejoin Mr Selby in South Africa, where he has been engaged in mining interests the past seven years. En route, Mrs Selby expects to meet in London Marian Craig, Omega, who has been in the Johannesburg colony the past year.

Julia Morgan was one of the architects of the new *Los Angeles Examiner* building, recently completed, and said to be one of the largest and finest newspaper buildings in the west.

Mr and Mrs Paul Eliel (Harriet Judd) are returning from a six months' sojourn abroad. Mr Eliel has been making a special study of municipal government.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

During the past year I have had many glimpses of the college chapter of Alpha Beta. Moreover, these glimpses have been not only when Alpha Beta was dressed in her Sunday best, but when she was in workaday apparel, and sometimes even when she was in negligee. So I am glad of this opportunity to say a few words to our distant Alpha Betas about our present college girls.

The chapter began the year full of opposition to the two and a half days' rushing season. Though the girls still prefer sophomore Pledge-day, they now feel that the *very* short rushing season is better than the six weeks' or several months' Pledge-day, as it eliminates many of the evils of the latter. Chief among these evils are the strained interfraternity relations, and the poor work of the freshmen due to unending rushing. In view of their inexperience with the two and a half days' rushing season and the consequent opportunity they

had of losing their heads in a species of stage fright, I think that our girls sat very firmly in the boat without any rocking whatever.

It is true that on Pledge-day they asked only three girls—they asked another later on—and that the other fraternities asked many more. However, all that they asked to join accepted. And the chapter is certainly far stronger than if the girls in the flurry and excitement had asked a number of others, whom they did not really know, for the strength of a chapter certainly rests not so much on the mere number of its members as on the *ability* and *character* of its members.

The chapter impresses me as being excellently well-balanced, with interests sufficiently diversified to keep it healthily broad-minded. Among some who are truly brilliant students, there are others who take care of our social honors, while still others take active part in student affairs. As a whole I find that the scholarship is good. But the fact above all others that has pleased and impressed me, is that the girls seem to be subduing the publicity of fraternity life to the realization that they are first of all members of the *student body* of their Alma Mater.

We of Alpha Beta have every right I think to feel proud of the standard that our girls in the active chapter are maintaining.

Priscilla Goodwyn Griffin

'87 The daughter of Alice Battin Lewis (Mrs Ralph) is in this year's graduating class. She is the first A B grand child.

'91 Hannah Clothier Hull (Mrs Wm I) is vice-president-at-large of the Pennsylvania Association for equal rights. She plans to attend the biennial meeting of the National federation of women's clubs to be held in Chicago in June.

'94 Mary W. Titus has returned from her recent trip to Europe and is at home at 285 Quincy st. Brooklyn.

'94 Bertha L. Broomell is principal of the Girls' department of Friends' central school, Philadelphia.

'06 Gertrude Adams has moved from Philadelphia to Franklin, Pa.

'06 Mary Cranston Hodges (Mrs Thos. V.) and her family are now living at Cynwyd, Pa.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State has suffered a severe loss in the death of Professor Josiah R. Smith. Professor Smith was at the head of the Greek de-

partment and one of the oldest members of the faculty. Andrew Jansen, of the department of bacteriology, died from an attack of glanders contracted while making experiments in the veterinary department. There have been several changes among the faculty members. H. F. Harrington of the journalism department has been appointed Dean of journalism at Western Reserve. Joseph Myres of Pittsburgh, an Ohio State alumnus, will take Mr. Harrington's place. Professor Boyd, Dean of the college of education will become president of the Young women's college at Oxford next year.

The Strollers will present *The Magistrate*, by Sir Arthur Pinero, with Sudermanns *Far-away Princess* as a curtain raiser, May 1 and 2 at a down town theater. Rivé King Bowman has the leading part. The society congratulates itself on getting the services of Ernest Elton as coach. Mr. Elton was a former Yale coach and is considered quite a find for Ohio State.

During commencement week the Browning dramatic society will present the *Forresters* by Tennyson. Rivé Bowman takes the part of Robin Hood. Hazel Schook is also in the cast. Heretofore Browning has presented only Shakesperian plays. The campus in the vicinity of the university spring is particularly adapted to the sylvan pursuits of "Robin Hood and his merry band of outlaws."

Katherine McMeen '16 was recently appointed on the Young Women's Christian association cabinet for next year. Helene Patton '16 and Mary Frame '16 received "A's" at the annual "open night" gymnasium exhibition, and Rachel Nauman '15, is a member of the "'varsity A" association.

April 11, Mrs. Dowd, who is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and a member of V. C. P. will be initiated into Theta at the home of Mable Moore Taft and Margaret Moore Altmaier. A joint active and alumnae spread will be held after the initiation.

There was great excitement on the campus during the first week in March, when the English building burned. The building was one of the oldest on the campus. Several hundred dollars worth of books and some important notes and papers were lost.

We are planning to entertain with a dinner-dance sometime in May.

5 April 1914

Ruth Sigris

Luella and Virginia Wallace, E, are in charge of a girls' school in Columbus. This is their third successful year.

Grace Young Harris is in Columbus studying, preparatory to an extended tour abroad.

Born to Mr and Mrs Herbert Brightman (Amy Courtney) a daughter.

'06 Born to Mr and Mrs Loyde Morris (Alice Thacker) a son.

'12-ex Minnie Hughes spent several weeks in Kansas City this winter.

'12 Josephine Matthews will sail in June for Europe where she will spend a few months.

'14 Frances Nichol is attending the University of Illinois.

'15-ex Katherine Jones was in New York recently.

'14 Helen Barnhill visited in Canton, O. during the spring vacation.

'13 Florence Minister spent the spring vacation in Dayton.

Born to Prof and Mrs W. M. Rider (Grace Vance) on Jan. 16, a son, William Morrison, jr. Address: 1444 S. State st. Syracuse, N. Y.

The new address of Hilda Weber Crocker (Mrs Theodore) is 1915 Fremont ave S. Minneapolis, Minn.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

I have been asked to write to you about my pansy garden in Baltimore. You wish to know whether the plants are sturdy and the flowers perfect, and if so why; whether the plants are weak and the flowers imperfect, and the cause of such a condition. It seems to me that from this exchange of information from our many gardens in all parts of the country we may gain much useful knowledge.

Baltimore has for a great many years proved splendid soil for the cultivation of pansies. Some years of course the flowering has been more prolific than in others, but there has been a good steady average.

This year's plants are not yet set out, but the seed has been planted and we are working the soil in preparation. We have found hot tea along with plenty of sunshine a treatment very worthy of notice. This I believe is used in many of our gardens.

Last year we cultivated the soil very thoroughly and this past fall we set out three new plants and in the early winter two more. As all young plants do, they need direction of growth and trimming here and there. At first they seemed a little less sturdy than we usually have planted and did not gain color rapidly, but we quickly realized that we were at fault, for we had not been putting into the soil about

them those things which encourage strength and color. This is so often the way with gardeners. They take such care before the plants are set out and do almost nothing to encourage them afterward. We have tried to correct this error and the plants have given evidence of ability of themselves. Now they give promise of growth and flowering.

The plants of two years' growth are now in bud. There are five of them. Two are of strong, substantial growth, and three while bright and attractive leave us a little in doubt as to their flowering. We feel that special care must be given these buds that they may blossom into full sized pansies next year.

Our three year plants are now in flower. We are proud of the results of soil, climate and cultivation and of the tendency of the plants to always turn to the light.

The flower of one is a new and fantastic kind, never before seen in the garden, a small flower of orange tint on a long slender stem. At first glance it would be thought quickly perishable, but there is endurance along with this fantastic grace.

Another has a large, rich yellow and black flower, that seems to look one straight in the eye.

The third, has a light blue flower with fringed edges and delicate lines of white, soft in color, but stiff in fibre that makes it hold its own with the larger and more showy flowers.

It is truly a most attractive garden and I wish I might have spent more time in it this year. As an assistant gardener in past years I would like to advise those who select the new plants not to neglect the old tried and true varieties, even though some of the new ones may be more attractive to the eye.

1 April 1914

Christie Y. DuLaney, Alumna

'08 Meta McClellan has announced her engagement to Louis Day of Newark, N. J.

'11 Grace Bennett has returned from Pittsburgh where she has been visiting her sister Alice B. Pollard.

'13 Emma Louise Dulaney spent the last two weeks in March at Atlantic City.

'13 Mrs J. Rogers Swindell (Mary Wilson) is in Havana, Cuba.

'07 Marjory W. Matthews has been visiting for ten weeks with Theta friends in Philadelphia and New York.

'07 Christie Dulaney took a very active part in the recent \$400,000 campaign for the new Y. W. C. A. She was captain of team number 2, on which her sister Ernestine took her usually important place.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Greek games have come and gone and history has been made. For the first time the freshmen scored 50 to the sophomores 45! The wild cheers of the classes as they rocked *en masse* across the Columbia gymnasium still ring in my ears, while the vision of chariots drawn by four spirited undergraduates speeding before the onrushing classes, charioteers wildly lashing their steeds the while, and victorious athletes, chairmen, and poets perching joyously on heaving shoulders, will not fade for many a day. And what crowds there were! Fifteen hundred not including celebrities were massed upon the grand stand, while well in front sat the notables, prepared to judge the events of the day. There was Mr.e. Gadski, Ruth St. Denis, Florence Noyes, Anna Branch, Percy MacKaye, Alfred Hertz and our own old standby, Annie Nathan Meyer. What magnificence! Truly a scene calculated to wish for the return of undergraduate days to all alumnae, and yet for us Thetas there was one discordant note—a something left out—for where were the Theta sophomores we so like to cheer and to speed on their way? Where in all that imposing class of singers, poets, athletes, or mob were the girls who stand for the ideals of our sisterhood, who look to us for support and encouragement? The personal note was gone, no bond exists between the girls of 1916 and our upperclassmen and graduates, for the Theta underclassman is no more.

How long, we ask, must this condition last. This month the appeal compiled by the delegates of all Barnard chapters will go before the faculty. This appeal seeks to meet many of the objections of which the fraternities now stand accused, and all we can do is to hope for honest judgment on the part of our faculty, and from our friends on the faculty, to whom we are constantly referring, we look for substantial help.

The college atmosphere is ever thick with ideas of money getting for the elusive new building. These memorable Greek games cost the audience fifty cents a piece and the circus to come in a few weeks will

probably help a bit more to swell the fund. You doubtless know that the benefit performance of *Madame Butterfly* at the Metropolitan opera house brought in \$6046 profit while it is not so well known that the Ysaye concert given under the Dramatic association of Barnard undergraduates only brought in \$300. Kappa Alpha Theta had two boxes for the occasion which shows that life still exists among our company and it causes an added glow of pride to realize that we were the sole fraternity who felt our responsibilities to such a substantial extent.

Theta undergraduates earnestly request the presence of all Thetas at the big circus to be given in the near future. Come and bring your friends! Watch for announcements!

Florence Lowther '12

'08 Edna Brown gave a card party on Saturday, Mar. 14 for the alumnae and active chapter.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Sommerville (Emma Rapelye) on Feb. 17, a son, named Norman Alexander.

'12 Gladys Fugette is now studying in the college of physicians and surgeons.

'13 Marguerite Kalt gave a shower Mar. 28 for Nancy Beall.

'13 Marguerite Allen is studying at Columbia.

'13 Irene Dagleish is teaching in the Stamford high school.

'15 Virginia Pulleyn gave a tea Apr. 3 for all of the fraternity chapters in college.

'15 Helen Murphy and Virginia Pulleyn are spending part of their Easter vacation at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson.

A Z gave a card party for A K at the home of Edith Fischer '15.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Sarah Cody Patten (Mrs Walter) is now living at Chapel Hill, N. C. She has two sons, Paul, aged 4, and Lawrence, 14 months. Mrs. Patten is anxious to meet any Theta's who may live in her new neighborhood.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

In common with the entire student body, Alpha Eta is rejoicing over the recently delivered decision of the state Supreme Court which confirms the present administration in its control of the university as

against the claims of the bishops of the Southern Methodist church. The case has been in the courts for some months, and while there is no hostility toward the church as such we all feel that the university will have a wider field of usefulness as a Christian but non-sectarian institution than it ever could have as a "church school". One very tangible benefit is seen in the fact that the university is now free to accept the gift of \$1,000,000 from Mr. Carnegie, to be used in the development of the medical school.

The Easter holidays begin tomorrow and the girls of the active chapter have gone to Ridge Top, twenty miles to the north of the city, for a house-party. They are to occupy the summer home of Mr. Frank Slemmons, the father of Margaret and Frances Slemmons of our chapter. Mrs. Slemmons will chaperon the party and several of the alumnae will join them later.

In visiting the chapter I have been impressed with the perfect harmony among the girls. There are eighteen of them and the business and household duties of the chapter seem to be carried on in a most systematic and able way. We have a number of alumnae in and around Nashville but our college chapter is always so generous and hospitable in entertaining us that we have been slow in organizing an alumnae chapter in the city. We should like to know what some of the alumnae who have established such chapters think about this.

Last fall one of our devoted alumnae set out a number of shrubs and vines about our recently built chapter house and now that spring has arrived our bungalow begins to look very attractive in its green setting.

1 April 1914

Nona Murrell Kip

Eunice Jackson has just returned from a house-party at Belleair, Fla.

Rose Ambrose Dowd recently visited her sister Sophie Ambrose Burns, in Fort Worth, Tex. En route she stopped in Memphis for a visit to the alumnae there and reports good news from all.

Born to Mr and Mrs Lloyd Burns (Sophie Ambrose) a son, Mar. 28, 1914.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The state of affairs in the University of Texas, fraternity agitation and faculty restrictions, has had its affect upon Theta as well as upon every other fraternity here. In my opinion, though closed season has

greatly decreased the number of girls in the chapter, and although the few who remain are young and inexperienced with no old girls to back them, the chapter is holding her own. She will, in the end, come out among the first. The chapter is smaller this term on account of the withdrawal of two of its most prominent members. Katherine Wells has withdrawn to accept a position as teacher in Wichita Falls, Texas. Elizabeth Hawkins has also left us to return to her home in Bay City, Texas.

The faculty is seriously considering abolishing sophomore pledging. It has failed this year in that a greater number of freshmen have busted out than ever before. It seems that without the constant care and guidance of fraternities, freshmen do not realize generally the importance of study and constant attendance.

The year has been hard on the chapter, not only financially but materially. However, Theta has her place and will hold it regardless of environment.

Florence Browlee

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

We certainly should be satisfied with the chapter this year, for it seems to have reached nearly all those goals toward which we used to work when we were actives.

Do you remember how the older members rose each meeting to impress on us "young things" the necessity of keeping our scholarship up and going into college activities, to let outsiders see we did have a reason for existence? Well, this year there are five scholarship girls in the chapter and the whole average for the half year was more than good.

And activities! There is scarcely a girl who has not played the leading rôle in one of the big dramatic productions; been vice-president of her class; kept the funds of the Consumer's league; left a scratch on the cheek of the other side in basketball; or penned her initials in the literary hall of fame, through student life.

But, my dear, I miss the good old days, when we picked our girl, perhaps asked her to spend the night at a home where some long-suffering mother housed six or seven of us, gave her a bid, and the next

day she was one of us—that is, pledged—prepared to bring her share of the sandwiches for a spread at the dormitory, or don her sweater for a long country walk.

And did you ask about pledge day this year? Yes, indeed, we won six freshmen in October and two in February, but only after such an intricate system of rushing captains, divisions of the weeks amongst different members and rushing dates as to make your head swim.

But of course we must remember that you and I belonged before college life itself was so strenuous, and fraternities progress with the university.

Julia Prewitt Brooks

'15-ex Louise Haldeman was married to William Horsting on Feb. 26.

Carrie Noël Scott was married to Martin Gault, Σ A E, on Feb. 23. Address 4th ave and 2d st. Tucson, Ariz.

Born to Mr and Mrs Dawson (Elma Nipher) a son.

The engagement has been announced of Jane Knight to Cyrus Beech.

Mrs Swindell, A Δ, has been visiting in St. Louis for the past month.

A I initiated Virginia Rhodes Mar. 28, and has pledged Ruth Horton.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

Now that the storm and stress of the rushing period are things of the past, it is rather pleasant to sit back complacently and review the year's doings of Alpha Kappa.

Starting out in September with a small but congenial and ambitious chapter, the girls realized that this year they must work as never before. At once rooms were secured and plans made. Instead of the short two-month rushing period, Panhellenic, this year, decided to try a rushing period of longer duration and so—if possible—avoid many of the evils of previous years. Asking day was set for February 23. Each fraternity was allowed two informal teas and one large night party. The success of these parties has already been told. However, no alumna has had the opportunity of expressing her appreciation of the hospitality and cordiality of the college chapter. Many Thetas who had been initiated years ago (19 years ago, one told me very confidentially) came back to those parties and to the splendid initiation and felt perfectly at home. All credit is due to the handful of girls who worked so faithfully and well during the year.

Asking day and "anxious day" duly arrived, and as a reward of their labors, the chapter was blessed with great success—getting seven new girls—all of whom are now enthusiastic and loyal Thetas. Initiation at Kate Meehan's house was fine. Many older Thetas came, Miss Titus being among them. She made a splendid speech, and stirred the hearts of all Thetas present—the few minute-old ones as well as the 19 year olds. The initiates were Ruth Knowles (a senior from Wellesley) Ruth Shorter (a junior from St. Lawrence) Mildred Benton, Mildred Proudfoot, Hazel Healey, Marie Rade, and Pearl Van Sicklen.

Besides the initiates, Alpha Kappa is happy again in having Laura Haugaard back from Smith—where she spent the last year and a half.

All told, Alpha Kappa is in a flourishing condition. Plans are now under way for luncheon and theater parties, and also for a house-party. Supper meetings are held regularly, and the alumnae love to go back and renew their Theta friendships and memories. Next year, the signal success of 1914 will be repeated, I'm sure, and so glory will come with each new generation.

31 March 1914

Marion F. Kramer '13

Grace Commiskey is visiting her sister Mrs Grant at the army post, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

'15 Mabel Marine who is a senior at Smith was home for the Easter recess.

'15-ex Agnes Haldane of Patterson was a guest of A K recently.

'14 Evelyn Thompson visited the home college during the holidays. Miss Thompson is now a student at Smith.

Mrs R. Wychoff (Caroline Sutphin) is now at home to many of her friends at Grove st. East Orange, N. J.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The first surprise to the Theta of yesterday, who attends a college chapter meeting is the size of the chapter. Instead of the traditional ten or twelve, some thirty bright, sympathetic faces greet one. However, alarm soon gives place to confidence, for the open-minded attitude, the oneness of purpose, the deference to individual opinion, at once dispel the old idea that a large chapter cannot be a congenial and a harmonious one.

The second surprise is the almost entire absence of discussion of fi-

nances. Do we not all remember the haunting bugbear of "summer rent" that was ever with us? Alpha Lambda has adopted a method by which she has placed her finances upon a sound business basis, all bills are promptly paid, the summer rental is provided for, there is a comfortable margin in the bank. In other words, Alpha Lambda is a month ahead instead of a month behind in the financial game, we ponder the saving of time and energy for better things, and wonder why this was not done long ago.

Another innovation is the giving of a short talk on any preferred topic by an alumna at each meeting. This gives us of a former generation an opportunity for little preachments on past, present and future policies and interests.

The active and the alumnae chapters are brought into a closer relationship, helpful and stimulating to both. Just now this interest is taking the practical form of a large alumnae attendance at the annual Formal next month.

But perhaps the most gratifying and encouraging of our impressions is a sense of an earnest, dominant purpose to place university before fraternity, to really live the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Omicron Alumnae

'16-ex Bessie-Lucile Belmont was married to Harold McDonald, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, on Mar. 25, 1913.

'16-ex Randie Jeldness has announced her engagement to Joe Morgan, $\Delta T \Delta$. The wedding will take place in June.

'10 Lillian Lohman was married during the Christmas holidays to Glen German, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. Their present address is 3642 W. 2nd ave. Vancouver, B. C. Mr and Mrs Albert C. Rose (Ella Lancaster) have removed to 520 Grand ave. Astoria, Ore.

'16-ex Randie Jeldness was the guest of Mrs Charles Strong (Louise Jordan) during Feb.

'16-ex Marjorie Paton has announced her engagement to Harold Miller of Cashmere, Wash. The wedding will take place sometime during the summer.

Alpha Lambda announces three new pledges: Ruth Connor, Gladys Street, and Lucy Morton, all of Seattle.

'16-ex Margaret Johnson has charge of a branch library in Spokane, Wash. Mrs William Shannon (Agnes Lovejoy) has returned to her home in California after a visit to her family in this city.

'16-ex Sophie Hogg was married to James Bernard Bliss, ΣX . They are making their home in Seattle.

Miss Johnson, Psi, addressed the local chapter on the subject of anti-fraternity legislation, during her visit at the University of Washington.

'16-ex Peggy Driver, A Ξ, was a week-end guest at the chapter house.

'13 Jessie Drummond and Nan Drummond were week-end guests at the chapter house.

'13 New address of Ruth Sleicher Smith (Mrs J. E.) is Loyola & Winthrop aves. Chicago, Ill.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Commencement this year celebrates the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the university, and coupled with *Stunt week* should draw a large attendance. Alpha Mu will have a house-party for her returning sisters. It is to be hoped that a large number return, five have already signified their intention of coming.

The building fever has struck the fraternities. Kappa built last year and now we all want to. The active girls gave the surplus from the running expenses last year and will add more in June. This added to the alumnae fund makes a good beginning. A permanent home is badly needed and earnestly desired, and it is hoped that we may realize our dream in two years.

The chapter numbers twenty-seven, seven graduate and two are juniors. The weakness has been the lack of a sufficient body of experienced upperclassmen. But the girls have realized the defect and with signal success worked hard to overcome it. It should be a warning of the trouble which comes by not taking sure four-year girls. Nevertheless, I have never known a cleverer or more capable chapter. A special word is due the freshmen, for they are splendid—never have we had a class which contained such enthusiastic, interested and willing girls. They are good students (one making the highest per cent of fraternity freshmen) and more interested in worth while things than in the social whirl. For whole-hearted enthusiasm and ability, the present Alpha Mu chapter has never been surpassed.

One thing especially impressed me, the seriousness of the college. No longer do you see the *Missouri Store* or the *Palms* full between classes or numerous strolling couples on the *Quad*. Panhellenic is working on a system of rules for mid-week dates, and the forfeiture of the same when the student is below *M*. The dates are as plentiful

as ever but confined mostly to the evenings. Strange to say the scholarship is better!

We have president of Women's athletic association, members on the Young Women's Christian association cabinet, girls connected with various organizations, but on the whole student activities have been pushed off on a few. As a whole the chapter is not mixing with the student body at large. Each girl should select some particular activity, and go in for it with a vim. It would help Theta, and mean so much to the girl.

Last year Phi Mu and Chi Omega were established and there is rumor of a Delta Delta Delta chapter being installed. Interfraternity relations are rather more complicated than of old.

We are prone to think that when *we* leave a great unbridgeable gap is made, such is our egotism. But I have been out two years and if the chapter sustained such a loss, it fails to show it, for a better, stronger, more lovable chapter we never had. Go back and see! A few with buttons in their ears, a few starting for the tennis courts, a few on the way to committee meeting, a few going strolling—just like it was when you were there.

Elizabeth Phillips '12

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Alpha Nu is this year thirteen strong. We have never had a large chapter but this year sophomore pledging keeps the number down. Her success this year has been quite signal because her daughters are fired with an enthusiasm that glows with an unquestionable devotion to all her interests. The chapter history of the past has been splendid and still, with courage and loyalty, our young sisters are raising her standard even higher. They are strong in scholarship but there is not a girl in the chapter one could call a grind.

Every member holds some office in the various college organizations, some several offices. This year Thetas have taken the leading parts in three plays, are active in Young Women's Christian association, literary and suffrage work, are represented on the governing board of the student body, and are strong socially.

They are all making the best of every advantage offered by college life and are splendid examples of healthy, happy students.

Their interfraternity spirit is good, considering the fact that they are in rivalry all the time owing to the late spring pledging. It seemed to me the greatest hamper to Theta welfare is the feelings of unrest and constant strain caused by sophomore pledging. Much of the time that might be given to building up the chapter has to be given quietly or ostentatiously to freshmen.

Living in Missoula ever since my graduation in 1908, I have kept in close touch with chapter life and I feel that Alpha Nu is growing stronger every year.

The unity is wonderful, owing to the small chapter. The Theta's are known through the college for their broad-mindedness and perfect fair play. They are highly thought of by the faculty and by both fraternity and non-fraternity people.

28 March 1914

Minta Macoll Bonner

Fay Kent, of Helena was married Feb. 19, 1914, to Floyd Goodrich Carpenter, Δ K E, Wisconsin.

'15 Anabelle Robertson spent the week-end March 28-29 as a guest of A N chapter.

'15 Grace Jones was formally affiliated with A N, March 2, 1914.

Miss Eloise Knowles has returned to the University after having spent some weeks with her mother in California.

'13 Gladys Freeze spent the week-end of Feb. 22 in her home at Missoula.

'15 Diana Uline spent a week-end with her sister Grace Uline of A P at Sandpoint.

'15 Hazel Lyman has returned to take up work at Montana.

'16 Alpha Buse has returned to Craig hall for the remainder of this term.

'08 Carrie Hardenburgh Gilham (Mrs R. E.) and her infant son, who have been visiting Mr and Mrs M. R. Hardenburgh in Missoula, returned to Townsend.

Catherine White graduated with honors from Montana state normal school.

'15 Diana Uline was elected a member of the woman's honorary fraternity, Penetralia.

'13 Gladys Freeze spent the week-end May 28-29 with her sister, Mrs R. D. Pugsley, in Missoula.

'14 Grace Saner was chosen for the leading part in an Irish play to be given this spring.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

I know of nothing more delightful than visiting a new chapter of Theta. One knows the girls—for aren't they Thetas? and haven't

they Theta's high ideals? and still they are new, they are different phases of the Theta type.

I met Alpha Xi at their Senior breakfast last spring, and one of the first things that struck me—you mustn't laugh—was the lovely natural coloring of all the girls. To think of arriving at the close of the college year with pink cheeks and a fresh buoyant spirit! I remember how bedraggled and faded I used to feel at commencement time. Keeping up one's physical condition means good management, good sense and a good foundation for the future.

This year the girls are ideally situated. Two new rugs, bought by the girls themselves, and some tasteful curtains, given by the *alumnæ*, have put the house in fine shape. Mrs. Steffa is a charming chaperon. She presides at one end of the dining table, while Ruth MacLaren does the honors at the other. The girls have most attractive table manners. Eleanor McClaine mothers everybody and a beautiful spirit is everywhere evident. The pride of the house, however, lies in the fourteen fine new initiates. And never was there a more inspiring initiation than the one held the twenty-eighth of last February!

One of Theta's greatest treasures is the varying personalities of the different chapters. Alpha Xi is made up of a splendid lot of wholesome, genuine girls who can do things, and do them well. It has often occurred to me that perhaps out here in the west, with its fresh new life, we may find our highest type of a broad, democratic chapter that will tend to elevate the general spirit of all university girls.

Helen Taylor Bush, Delta

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Last year a girl of one of the other sororities at this college remarked that the girls at her chapter house acted as if they were at one continual house-party lasting from September until June. Although this sounds rather exaggerated, it nevertheless typifies the ideas of some of the girls who are fortunate enough to live in a chapter house.

I do not say that Alpha Omicron is free from this feeling of "all play and no work", but it is hard to find a trace of it in the chapter

of this year. The girls have not forgotten their purpose in coming to college and they seem to feel that one way to keep the rank of Kappa Alpha Theta where it now stands is to rank first in scholarship. That they have succeeded in this desire is seen by the fact that they received the Scholarship cup given by the Women's Panhellenic to the sorority making the highest average. This does not mean that they rank second in social activities.

The chapter lives at the home of one of the professor's and while the wife of this professor is chaperon, the house committee has full charge of discipline.

The chapter has never worked together more harmoniously, and that goes far toward making it a successful chapter. Only one thing is to be feared from this too perfect harmony—the fostering of an undemocratic spirit. There are some signs of this spirit now, for the girls are perfectly satisfied with one another and forget the importance of having outsiders for their friends. However, this has not gone far enough to be a detriment to the chapter, so we are hoping that next year the pendulum will swing back to middle ground and the chapter will be as democratic as harmonious.

Pearl Goodrich Porter

Born March 2 to Mr and Mrs Benj. Owen (Nina Bessent) a daughter named Jane.

Born March 22 to Mr and Mrs Joseph McConnel a son, in Lahore, India.

Merle Newby was married Feb. 18 to Mr Frank Buttram, Σ X.

'15 Lorena Cruce was sponsor for the U. S. battleship "Oklahoma," which was christened Mar. 23. She has enjoyed many honors while on her trip in the east.

'14 During initiation Mary and Violet McDougall visited the chapter.

Mrs Myron Chambers, A, was with us for initiation.

'15 Marian Brooks has been elected to the senior honor society and to the presidency of Y. W. C. A.

'13 Ada May Eastland visited the chapter a few days beginning March 30.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Next best to belonging to a strongly organized alumnae chapter is to be near enough to a college chapter to share in the good fellowship and activities of its members. If an alumna were to be suddenly transplanted into the midst of Alpha Pi she would find the same

hurry, flurry and worry, the same interest in fraternity affairs and the same enthusiasm and success in accomplishing something worth while for her Alma Mater which characterized her own college days.

With sophomore Pledge-day there is a continuous undercurrent of watchfulness for desirable freshmen and an eagerness to have these "prospectives" show the proper spirit toward university affairs.

Alpha Pi enjoyed a most pleasant and helpful visit from our District president, Mrs. Louise Shipman Wagner, and she endeared herself to the more recently initiated members of Alpha Pi as she had done to the charter members when she assisted at our installation.

At an informal reception the chapter gave her an opportunity to meet the members of the other women's fraternities and also were hostesses at a tea for the advisory board and Mrs. Wagner. She assisted in welcoming into our circle three initiates, Mamie Jones, Irene Cox and Inis Williams.

We regret greatly to lose from our community our dearly loved patroness, Mrs. G. A. Ruediger, for to her enthusiasm and helpfulness Alpha Pi owes more than can ever be expressed.

In activities outside of the chapter circle Alpha Pi has been prominent. Vera Kelsey, 1914, has been granted a scholarship at Brown university for the coming year. Four Thetas, Anne Bowman, Vera Kelsey, Margaret Kolars, and Catherine Hixon are writing parts for the pageant of North Dakota history which will be one of the big events of this year and each succeeding one.

Alphi Pi hopes that every chapter on the roll may have as pleasant reunions this summer as she looks forward to in the form of two jolly house-parties.

30 March 1914.

Jessie M. Budge

'12 Clara Bull is planning to spend the summer abroad.

'13 Gertrude Cunningham visited the chapter last month.

'13 On account of an epidemic of smallpox Jessie Budge has had to give up her school in Buxton for a few weeks.

'13 Ruth Whitted will sail for Europe the last of this month.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

I have been asked to write a short letter to you concerning our active Alpha Rho chapter in order that you may know what the girls

are doing this year. This is a pleasure to me for I feel that our active chapter has never been stronger or more congenial than it is this year, and am glad to say that we alumnae who live here in Vermilion consider it a privilege to give our "advice" now and then, and to work with them.

There are now seventeen active members, five of whom have been taken in this year. Regular social and business meetings have been held every two weeks during the year. The girls returned last fall filled with enthusiasm for their fraternity as well as for the entire university. They were very conservative in pledging and consequently secured excellent material in the new girls. The rushing parties were of the same nature as usual. The formal dinner given at the home of Florence Chaney was a decided success. The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers, Theta colors, souvenirs, and place-cards, and an elaborate five-course dinner was served.

I know you alumnae are interested most of all to know how our active girls are living up to the ideals which you set for them, of being broad and unselfish in their university work. Though happy in their little circle, they are doing their duty to their fraternity and themselves by having Theta represented in all student life and activities.

Among the positions of leadership occupied by Theta girls are found the Young Women's Christian association presidency, cabinet officers and committee members, sophomore vice-presidency, junior vice-presidency, Dramatic club presidency and College of music reporter to the *Volante*. Three Thetas are starring in dramatic productions being put on this year by the sophomore class, the Alethian literary society and the University dramatic club. Another is a member of the debating team which represents the University in the debate with Yankton college.

31 March 1914

Elsie Sargent Julian '08

'12 Hazel McVicker, '13 Lorena Dill Young and '13 Bernice Sweezy visited the chapter recently.

'12 Vera Nicholson is teaching in the English department of the Watertown high school.

'15 Laura Lotze is attending the University of Minnesota.

A P announces her latest pledge: Gladys Cooper of Canton, S. D.

Mae Shepherd, an alumna and member of T. B. D. is visiting in Vermilion. We expect to initiate her soon.

The active chapter rejoices with Vermilion alumnae in their recent acquisition of an alumnae charter.

ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

It has been my good fortune as an alumna to be in direct touch with Alpha Sigma during the past year and I cannot speak too highly of the chapter during that time.

Our chapter house opened this fall with fewer girls than we had expected, but a more enthusiastic group it would be hard to find.

Rushing season ended with splendid success and reflected much credit upon our girls. A great deal of entertaining was not done, but each function given was so charming in its appointments and the girls so gracious, that the results of Pledge-day were not surprising.

Then came the installation of our chapter, November 6. You have already heard of that wonderful week-end, long to be remembered by each and every one of us. Practically all the alumnae were back for the occasion and it would take an extra edition of the JOURNAL to publish all the splendid things they had to say about the girls and the chapter.

Our first initiation took place February 14, when we welcomed nine freshmen and two alumnae with our sacred bonds of sisterhood.

There are now nineteen girls living in the chapter house, the largest number in the history of our organization. We have a house mother that few can equal; always a willing helper and a safe counselor—is it any wonder we all love her?

It was my privilege to live in the chapter house during my four years of college life and I can honestly say that at no time have I seen the chapter in such splendid condition as it is at present. With a house full of girls, a charming house mother, prominence in all college activities, and the glorious national life of Theta, what more can a group desire? Nothing but continued growth, and this is the sincere wish of the alumnae members of Alpha Sigma.

Grace S. Coulter '13

ALPHA TAU—CINCINNATI UNIVERSITY

Perhaps it is partly because we have never been active Alpha Taus ourselves that we alumnae are so deeply interested in Kappa Alpha

Theta's first year in our university. And, surely, results have justified our sincere approval and have even warranted the wild rapture with which our active chapter (in every sense of the word) has greeted the world in general, and us in particular, since answers to fraternity bids came in. For Alpha Tau had a deserved reward in the acceptance of every girl asked to join its numbers.

Pledge service was held at Katherine Dabney's apartment, February 12, and on March 12, at the home of Mrs. Burris, the following girls were initiated: Helen Logan (Wellesley '13), Mildred Evans '16, Margaret Pfleger '16, June Bancroft '17, Sophie Buckner '17, Marjorie Flagler '17, Eva Schwallie '17, Dorothy Stevens '17, Mary Thomas Stevenson '17.

At the risk of being thought vain—for a "baby chapter"—I must speak of the many compliments on "our girls" which we heard that night from Thetas of the original club in this city. Of course, upon first sight of the pledges, they had forced on us (?) the usual remarks about good looks seeming a requisite for Thetahood, but when they further approved youthful wisdom by commenting seriously upon the beautiful way in which the new chapter conducted its first initiation—we felt reason to be proud indeed.

Your question as to what we think of our girls tempts me to pattern my reply after an answer which I once heard Helen Keller give in her remarkable lecture. To the baffling question (conveyed through her interpreter) *How do you think?* She returned instantly, "How do *you* think?" So I turn your query back to you and ask you who have seen them in their first hours of supreme Theta realization what *you* think of our girls. Your answer, we are confident, is ours—"They are great, fine, splendid!"

30 March 1914

Mary Louise Rutter

'11 Harriet Belle Reid was married Apr. 15 to Mr Charles Merkel.

'11 Mr and Mrs Redwood Dupree (Martha Rule) spent March traveling in the West.

'12 Jeanette Stone has announced her engagement to Mr Lester J. Backman, Σ N.

Miss Hope Davis spent her spring vacation in Cincinnati as the guest of Mrs H. A. Finch (Helen Parker, Ω).

K K Γ has granted a charter to Α Φ Ψ, a local.

CHAPTER SERVICE

A self-complacent state of mind is bad for any one. If, at this stage of anti-fraternity agitation, there still remains a Theta who can lounge comfortably among black and gold pillows in the congenial atmosphere of fraternity seclusion, and assert that she sees no grounds for any of the many reasons advanced by the outside world why fraternities should not exist, let her go seek out a thoughtful, sincere, nonfraternity girl, who, knowing the same college conditions, sees the other side, and talk the question out with her. The nonfraternity girl will ask some questions that are not easy to answer. Supposing, for instance, she admits, as she probably must, that the fraternities include in their membership the leaders in most of the fields of college activities, she may then say:

"You credit your fraternity with having developed in its members college spirit and initiative and ability, yet you admit that the girls you choose out of the incoming classes are those who show that they have these qualities, at least in embryo. Wouldn't the Theta who is Young Women's Christian association president have been just as well fitted for the office if there had been no fraternities in the college? What is there that you can say positively that the fraternity influence has given her?"

Such a question as the first can never be answered for the reason that not even Doctor James himself could have told how a certain girl might have turned out at the end of four college years if existing conditions and influences had been different. Every name in the college catalogue might be used as an example on either side of the argument. The Theta still believes that a large part of the stimulus that has made her sisters and herself develop whatever abilities they may have to serve their college, has come directly from the inspiration of Theta ideals; while the nonfraternity girl is equally convinced that college spirit and natural ability are quite sufficient to call out the zeal and accomplishments of every girl.

But how about the second question—what does the fraternity influence give her of real worth? That may indeed be answered.

The honest fraternity girl who has heard both sides, must admit that the fraternity at present has defects, which have been much

emphasized, and that only by very definite good to its members, and thus to the college, can it "justify its existence". This has been said so many times that it is becoming trite. The great justification—more than that, the important reason why the abolition of the fraternity would be a serious loss to the college—lies in the *group responsibility* which it develops in its members, as does no other factor in college life.

By some unfortunate defect in human nature, to which girls of college age are no exception, it is very difficult to keep up dynamic enthusiasm for large abstract principles and institutions. College spirit and enthusiasm for the success of Self-government, Young Women's Christian association, athletic teams, et cetera, for the sake of the college, is usually very easily roused to the cheering point, but frequently fails of the motive power necessary to make a girl suppress her voice during "quiet hour", or to report for basketball practice on warm spring afternoons, just to give the 'varsity team practice. It is very hard to remember your own overwhelming responsibility when you are merely one among hundreds of equally responsible individuals.

Just here a girl's fraternity should and does occupy a place of immense importance in her college life, for it should always, above everything else, impress her with her responsibility for the reputation and welfare of her friends, her fraternity, and her college. In her own home she is known, not merely by her own name and by her own acts, but as a member of her father's family as well, and whatever she does that is worthy or unworthy is laid to the credit or the discredit of the family. As a freshman at college she may have a few intoxicating moments when she believes that she will now be the only one to suffer for her own misdeeds, and—a less intoxicating thought—all glory will be for herself alone. Therefore why not have as much fun as possible—remembering "College Spirit," of course—and to be "democratic," and all the other things the "ideal college girl" should have and be. After a few weeks or months of drifting, in which she fails to find very great incentive for doing anything disagreeable, she may be asked to join a fraternity. All who have had this experience know the first lesson she learns. Why does she for the first time take to heart the fact which she knew before, that she

must do her very best in scholarship—in whatever she undertakes—for the sake of the college? It is because she is now bound by definite and tangible bonds of love, loyalty, and responsibility to her friends, and thus to the college, just as before, through her loyalty to her family, she was made a responsible member of society. Fraternity loyalty does not take the place of the larger college devotion—or if it does, it is because of the inexcusable misuse of the fraternity idea by a few individuals. The special function of the fraternity is, through the close bond developed between its members by the common striving after high ideals, to supply just that personal element which is needed to make a vital force out of the vague principles of college honor.

Are there still Theta seniors who, after four years, say to themselves, when deciding a question of college ethics; "I guess it's my own business and no one's else, if I choose to do that"? For them, if there are any such, the fraternity has been largely a failure. On the other hand, hundreds of girls every year are leaving active fraternity life, each with the deep-seated knowledge, more firmly implanted by four years of fraternity experience than it could have been by college life outside the fraternity, that she is, and always will be, her sister's keeper in the largest sense. That much, at least—and it is no unimportant gift—the fraternity has given her.

ANNA D. WHITE, *Philadelphia alumnae*

HAD THETA A DOUBLE?

That is the question, innocent in itself but fraught with grave possibilities for harm, that was brought to the Grand council in April, 1913.

A member of Kappa Alpha Theta was a guest at a house-party. There she met several girls who, after noticing her fraternity badge and inquiring its significance, told her there was a chapter of her fraternity in their Alma Mater, The Southern seminary at Buena Vista, Virginia. Being a very well-posted Theta, she told them they were mistaken, as Kappa Alpha Theta had no chapter any where in Virginia. However, they insisted that their own sorority had a rival at the seminary, called Kappa Alpha Theta and with a badge similar to the one the bona fide Theta was wearing.

What investigation we were able to make at the time brought no results at all, in fact seemed to point to some mysterious situation that the people approached either could not, or would not, clear up. The explanation advanced by these people was that the founders had been relatives of some members of our fraternity (they did have the same surname) and had appropriated name, badge, et cetera of Kappa Alpha Theta. The final imaginative fling was: these people admit the chapter has never been installed but that the national fraternity will never catch them on that or any other point.

When we installed our Alpha Tau chapter at the University of Cincinnati, one of the resident Thetas had a telephone conversation with a supposed member of the fraternity. When asked "From what chapter", she said, "From a preliminary chapter in an institution" (afterwards discovered to be The Southern seminary) "not of A rank, so it is not yet recognized by the national Kappa Alpha Theta." Since no sub rosa or preparatory school chapters ever have been in any way countenanced by Kappa Alpha Theta, this supposed member received no Theta welcome in Cincinnati.

About the same time a petitioning group reported two students registered in its college, who had introduced themselves to the group as members of Kappa Alpha Theta from Southern seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia. The group of petitioners was much concerned, for its ambition was to become a chapter of an *A 1* national fraternity and that Kappa Alpha Theta maintained chapters in any institutions below college rank was unexpected and unwelcome news. Fortunately a Theta was the wife of a member of the faculty at the college concerned and was able to set the matter right with our petitioners, though she failed to gain any real knowledge of the Virginia situation from the two students posing as Thetas.

Finally in February, 1914, we succeeded in getting into direct communication with the founder of this Southern seminary club. From her we received a very full and frank statement of the facts.

In 1910 four girls in Madison hall seminary, Washington, D. C., organized what they called the "Kappa Alpha Theta sorority." Its badge of black and gold was shield shaped, had a sword and

chain, and was modelled after a much admired Phi Delta Theta badge. In 1911 a member of this club transferred to The Southern seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia. There she started a chapter of the "Kappa Alpha Theta sorority." At the time of organization, the founders knew nothing of the college Kappa Alpha Theta and had never knowingly seen one of its badges.

We are thus brought to the conclusion that the whole thing was a mere coincident, though a most unfortunate one. This conclusion leaves unexplained the fact that members of this organization have in two cities approached with claims of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta, members of our fraternity and charter petitioners. In each incident these pseudo-members were from the Southern seminary club, and knowing it sprang from another club up in Washington may have assumed—with the half knowledge and irresponsibility characteristic of boarding school girls—that when they heard the name Kappa Alpha Theta it was someway part of their organization. At least, since no actual harm has been done, we deem it wise and courteous to accept this explanation.

In the meantime, the organization at the Southern seminary has on its rolls about twenty-five members, while the parent chapter is very much smaller. The founder of the second chapter has gone energetically to work to right the trouble she had unwittingly made. The organization's name has been changed to "Kappa Alpha Omicron," which should clear up any subsequent confusion, as "Theta" is unquestionably the most individual part of our fraternity's name.

Kappa Alpha Omicron agrees to have the letters on all its badges changed and to give publicity to the true situation among all its membership and at the institutions where it has established, or planned to establish, chapters. We ask our members to take special pains to set forth the facts. We also will appreciate any publicity other fraternity magazines may be willing to give the truth as here set forth.

L. PEARLE GREEN, *Grand secretary*

DISTRICT IV CONVENTION

District conventions seem to be the order of the day. We can hardly turn the pages of our JOURNALS without coming upon mention of one, either in anticipation or retrospection. District IV caught the fever and assembled in Syracuse, March 13-15, sixty-six strong, all seven chapters, active and alumnæ, being represented. Syracuse was the ideal gathering place, both because of its central location and because of the fact that Chi is the only chapter in the district to be the proud possessor of a chapter house. And the members proved themselves tireless hostesses, from the day of arrival with its endless trips to the station to meet newcomers, to the hours of departure when we bade farewell, vowing that this, our first District convention, should not be our last.

The Toronto delegation, six in number, was the first to appear on the scene, and in a few hours was so thoroughly at home that we felt like co-hostesses with Chi in displaying the fine headquarters to the later arrivals, ten from Ithaca and two from Burlington. That first evening was devoted to becoming acquainted which, as at Grand conventions, seemed such an important task, that it kept us awake till midnight or even "the wee, sma' hours."

Friday morning, a session was held in the two big drawing rooms, the discussion being confined to chapter affairs, in which comparisons of conditions and methods proved most interesting. Here again, we were reminded of Grand convention, by the fact that business had to be cut short or encroach upon the luncheon hour. Friday afternoon, Chi was at home to her friends; the Dean of women, the wardens of dormitories and the upperclass women of the university being invited to meet us. That evening we had the privilege of being present at Chi's regular chapter meeting which was most helpful and inspiring to us all.

On Saturday, a second session was held, the topics being of National fraternity interest. We were fortunate enough to have our Grand secretary with us throughout convention and she led the discussion on the first point, the anti-fraternity movement and methods of meeting it. The remaining topics, Sophomore pledge, the Extension problem, and the Work of the Theta Service bureau, were introduced by the delegates from the three alumnæ chapters.

Shortly after the session, we assembled at the Onondaga hotel, where we had our largest Theta gathering of the convention at a luncheon. Mrs. C. J. Walch of Syracuse was the gracious toast-mistress, and the various chapters were represented in the speeches which were interspersed with songs.

TOASTS

OLLIE ROSS WALCH, TOAST-MISTRESS

CHI

"Humor is the tail to the kite of affection."

THE ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

MABEL BROWNELL, LAMBDA

"Allons, the road is before us,

It is safe, I have tried it.

My own feet have tried it well, be not detained."

THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

MARJORIE FRASER, SIGMA

"Souls—

That ever with a frolic welcome took

The thunder and the sunshine."

THE OTHER DISTRICTS

PRESIDENTS OF DISTRICTS I, II, IX

"Goodness is mutual, is communal, is only gained by giving and receiving."

THE GRAND COUNCIL

L. PEARLE GREEN, PHI

"Liberal minded, great and consistent."

THE FRATERNITY

LOUISE BONTECOU, IOTA

"Serene will be our days and bright,

And happy will our natures be,

Whose love is an unerring light."

"Farewell since tonight we part,

Go take thine honors home, rank with the best."

We formed in one large circle as we sang the closing song, and it was then for the first time that we realized fully what a large band of Thetas had gathered together to exchange ideas and strengthen the bonds of fraternity friendship.

That night we had as our grand finale a most informal stunt-party, in which each chapter did its share. Chi's freshmen first presented a little skit on high school fraternities. This was followed by a display of Mrs. Jarley's wonderful waxworks, in which Lambda and Sigma combined their efforts; and the program was completed by Iota's clever presentation of a little play, *Who's loony now?* where the humorous situations were supplied by the peculiarities of a spiritualistic woman with an absent-minded husband and

a love-sick daughter. The laughter provoked by all three stunts should suffice us for many a day.

Sunday ended these days spent together, days when we came to feel more and more like one big family as we strolled the campus in groups, inspecting everything from the paintings and organ in the Fine Arts building, to the photo of the crew which won the victory from Cornell in 1913, a photo proudly pointed out to us by "Mike," the Italian care taker—like one big family, as we sat in the spacious dining-room about the two long tables, as we assembled in the drawing room after dinner for the regular evening worship, and finally as we ended the day singing Theta songs, or rolling up the rugs that we might "trip the light fantastic."

Such was the first convention of District IV. It was an experiment but one which we vowed to repeat as we separated for our various colleges, singing Iota's little verse to the tune of *Peg o' my heart*:

"Chi from our hearts we thank you.
We are very glad, we can tell you,
Good Thetas all
Answer the call.
Here at Syracuse together,
Sigma, Lambda, Chi, Iota,
True sisters we together
And friends will be forever.
And what is more
Our District four
Is true blue."

MABEL MILLMAN HINCKS, *President District IV*

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The way to Inde is the title of a beautifully illustrated poem, Louise Brooke, Alpha Omicron, contributed to the Christmas number of Scribner's. Miss Brooke is Dean of women at the University of Oklahoma.

The latest book from the pen of Mary Ridpath Mann, Alpha, is *Royal women; their history and romance*. It is published by McClurg.

Catherine Comfort, Upsilon, has been lecturing before various Illinois societies this winter. George Meredith is her favorite topic. Miss Comfort is head of the English department at Bradley Polytechnic institute.

The bird notebook by Anna Botsford Comstock, Iota, is the title of two volumes appearing this spring. They are intended as field notebooks for the nature student. Mrs. Comstock is now preparing a similar series of guides to familiar trees.

THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY SYSTEM

BY DR. GEORGE R. THROOP

(Through the courtesy of Dr. Throop and the loyal cooperation of Elinor Hall Horner, St. Louis alumnæ, we are able to present the following extracts from an address of Dr. Throop before a St. Louis gathering of faculty and fraternity men.)

"Such a condition, namely the too great stress laid upon fraternity life and a consequent encroachment upon what we are pleased to call our democratic ideals, varies to such an extent with the university and the particular fraternity that no definite rules or lines of action are assumable That *colleges* ruin many boys would not, certainly in our estimation, be taken as a reason for removing the *college* Under proper control and direction, the fraternity may easily be made a very decided means to the accomplishment of much and varied good. That such does not result, happens, I may venture to say, as much from the fault of college authorities as from the fraternity itself; it being very easy to utilize the fraternity for the assistance of many problems otherwise difficult of solution. For instance it is now, I believe, held to be the better plan that in treating with the outbreaks of college classes or their violation of college rules, for the class authorities to be held in a sense responsible and obligated to cooperate with the college authorities whenever called upon. Such a thing is of course quite practicable in the case of the fraternity and can be

utilized to the benefit of the individual student in a way not possible even for the members of a college class.

. The basic principle of each fraternity is that of an organization for mutual uplift, intellectually and morally. In all of them, I feel safe in saying, there are required, though I admit not always enforced, certain standards of attainment in college life, whether in the classroom or in the general field of college activities. The insistence upon these is often very stringent and is, as we can readily see, an influence not feasible for upperclassmen to exert upon underclassmen. The interest in the one case is personal and in the other not. This interest may be accomplished by a very mild form of bullying in either case, but on the one hand there are results and on the other not.

Many fraternities place special emphasis upon the literary and argumentative side of their college life. Programs are arranged for their weekly meetings and all members are compelled upon occasion to participate. If it is claimed that all do not encourage such a practice, then, I believe, we might as well abolish football because all are not permitted to share in any possible advantage accruing therefrom.

It is a common plea that dissoluteness and snobbishness are fostered in institutions where the fraternity spirit is rampant.

. Fraternities are in their actual and logical working extremely cosmopolitan. In the nature of things, a fraternity is composed of a number of young men, picked up admittedly more or less at random, the good, the bad, the studious, the indifferent, the rich and even the poor being mingled in truly democratic fashion. It must of course be granted that one or the other of these elements and perhaps for example the worst, often predominates but the saving leaven is naturally of the greatest benefit toward the others and would in no other way be capable of such direct and efficient influence. It would of course be natural for students of certain kinds to congregate with one another, the studious, the good, the bad, the indifferent, forming, as is regularly and actually the case, separate and distinct groups. The breaking up of these groups is certainly of great advantage to all concerned; obviously so for the bad, broadening for the studious, and creative of much helpful influence upon others for the good. It

is obvious that just this thing is accomplished by the average fraternity from the very necessity of the way it is organized and constructed.

It is again a common criticism that the worse element often tends to predominate; thus corrupting the others and naturally changing the entire ideal of the organization. To begin with, the effect of such an element is not so strong as we might expect for there is always an inherent basis of fraternity pride, rendering the said element more amenable to restriction than otherwise would be the case. It is curious, too, psychologically that such persons regularly choose for the officers of their chapters those in whom they and outsiders have the greatest confidence. They are thus more susceptible to influence from within—and without, whether upon the part of the college authorities or otherwise. That the good are liable to be corrupted is of course a specious plea, for, despite my previous statement that the good will flock with the good the boy who has a tendency in the worse direction will gratify it as soon, if not sooner, if left to his own devices, for there is no saving hand, no personal interest to lend itself to hold him back. The spirit of the fraternity is subjective toward its members, the spirit of men in general, as well as students in college, is objective. They may deprecate your conduct but seldom do they find it in their sphere to interfere. The cosmopolitan formation of the fraternity naturally lends stimulus and encouragement to weaker and more timid characters. The incitement to emulate others is fostered, to mingle with others and develop poise, to eliminate shyness, and to find inspiration in upperclassmen and in the companionship of able minds with which they would not otherwise have been thrown. That the fraternity is thus, in itself, at once a leveller of class and an uplifter and developer of personality cannot be doubted The charge of snobbishness has been alluded to and may be in certain instances well grounded The rich will certainly flock together in the main, without the fraternity and if they are scattered in different groups and brought in contact with men of different caliber and temperament, the process certainly seems to me to be beneficial to them at least

. The literary society will surpass the fraternity in

that it will more consistently and more definitely and regularly set itself to the carrying out of its own ideals. But on the contrary, its ideals are limited to one field while the teachings of the fraternity cover a much broader field of life and, properly led, are certainly more helpful to the building of character.

. We often hear of the close rivalry of college fraternities and the consequent detraction from college spirit, from individual progress and the resulting transference of all energy and thought to the service of the fraternity. Is it a detraction from college spirit that each fraternity should desire for its members to be foremost in service to the college? Is it a hindrance to individual progress that each fraternity should desire its members to be the leaders of the college in the classroom and in the field? It is claimed that a man must rise by himself and of himself, that he be able to stand alone as such, and without the fear or favor of others. That this should tend scientifically to the survival of the fittest is undoubtedly true, but just as in the case of many scientific laws, its application to real life should certainly be amended and our own ideals be made more humane. In all cases we are certainly working for the greatest good to the greatest number and such a principle as mentioned seems to forestall the giving of assistance to those in mass or those below a certain high natural level in inherent vigor and capacity.

FIRST CONVENTION OF DISTRICT IV

It would be futile to attempt to express our feelings when, at last, we realized that convention was really at hand and that we girls of Chi were so highly favored as to be permitted to act as hostesses for the long looked-for event.

So many, many times we had wished that we might know our nearest sisters. Now our hopes were partially to materialize—I say partially because our happiness could not be complete without the presence of every single Theta in our district.

Thursday afternoon, March 12, brought Mrs. Hincks, our district president, of whom we had heard so much, and five other girls from Toronto. We could scarcely wait to meet Miss Green, who came with the Cornell girls and our two Lambda sisters, later



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in the evening. This increased the number of out of town guests, to eighteen in all. We were so sorry our chapter house could not accommodate more than the official delegates, but we found comfortable rooms near by, for our other visitors.

I am sure the convention helped us all to realize more fully the needs of the present situation in fraternity life and that each one of us will make every possible effort to help keep up Theta's standards. Besides gaining much valuable fraternity information from Miss Green and Mrs Hincks, we certainly can profit by the interchanging of ideas with our active sisters. The inspiration of the close companionship and cooperation of those vitally interested in our common cause, can scarcely be estimated.

These friendships will tend to broaden our lives and help us to live up more nearly to Theta's ideals. Our faith, hope, and love will be deeper and more lasting because of these gatherings and may there be many future meetings of those whose hearts are linked in Theta's chain of love and sisterhood!

The Convention register is as follows: L. Pearle Green, Grand secretary and editor; Mabel Millman Hincks, District president; Marjorie M. Fraser, Sigma active delegate; Mono McLaughlin, Sigma alumnæ delegate; Mabel Nancy Watts, Lambda active delegate; E. Mabel Brownell, Lambda alumnæ delegate; Mildred Watt, Iota active delegate; Ruth Newman, Chi active delegate; Lena Hoose Markham, Syracuse alumnæ delegate. Visitors: Sigma: Muriel Cameron, Mary Beatrice Millman, Mary A. Kentner; Iota: Helen Bennet, Louise Bontecou, Betty Rowlee, Rebecca S. Harris, Jean D. Holmes, Anna M. Woodward, Editha Cora Smith, Helen Dixon; Chi active chapter and Syracuse alumnæ chapter.

MAUDE F. SHARP, *Chi*

WHAT I GAINED FROM CONVENTION

For one who has never attended a National convention, a District convention, such as District IV held in March was an awakening of what true fraternity spirit and unity are.

Fraternity ideals as embodied in an individual chapter are indeed beautiful and wonderful, but four chapters united by one common bond and throbbing with the same interest, make those ideals stronger and more vital.

Such was my impression when first I saw the girls of Iota, Sigma and Chi assembled.

It was good to become acquainted with the girls from other chapters, not only as Theta sisters to exchange ideas concerning fraternity life, but to get a glimpse of them in their college life and to get their attitude toward college activities in relation to what these activities bring them. All this tends to draw one from one's own small circle, since every new thought and idea helps to make a broader outlook.

Not only was the companionship with the girls an enjoyable part of convention, but the helpful and inspiring meetings as conducted by our gracious District president, Mrs. Hincks, proved a most interesting and valuable feature. To hear what other chapters have done made one either a little discouraged or a great deal hopeful, at least no one could go away without carrying some new way of solving chapter problems or an inspiration for the coming year.

Perhaps best of all to me, was coming into personal contact with a member of our Grand council, Miss Green. I, for one, have always thought of the Grand council members as Thetas so far removed from Thetas who were in college that they could never be known personally. Not so, if they are like the one I know now, for her warm companionship with the girls, her interest in all that pertains to college girls' life and her deep loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta are an inspiration to every Theta who knows her.

I think I came away from Convention with a deeper realization of what true Theta spirit is, not only as it concerns us in the college world, but also how it may become the most potent factor for good in the world at large.

MABEL N. WATTS, *Lambda '15*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, RAY HANNA, 418 E. 37TH ST. LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA

The Scholarship fund now totals \$3,765.06. We desire to acknowledge with special thanks the receipt of \$20.30 from Clara Lynn Fitch, the proceeds from the first edition of her charming *K A @ Garden of verse*.

The committee desires again to call the attention of all Thetas, active and alumnae, to the undergraduate loan plan. Sixty per cent of this fund is immediately available for loans to undergraduates in sums ranging from \$50 to \$350, at four per cent annually.

Let no Theta stop short of her degree for lack of timely financial assistance, as long as this sixty per cent is unexhausted. Moreover, it is increasing from time to time, as additions are made to the whole fund, and Life Endowment pledges are paid in.

We have received about six applications so far, but it is not generally understood that the loans are immediately available.

The committee under whose discretion loans are made, i.e. the Financial secretary of the fund, and two members of the Scholarship fund committee, are ready to advise with District presidents and alumnae advisors as to any application. They desire notice as early as possible, in order that the money may be furnished promptly when needed. Applications for fall loans may be sent now.

Security in the form of individual notes will be asked of the chapter from which the application comes. In case there are more applications than can be filled, these points will be considered: security, nearness to graduation, scholarship, ability to return the loan. Loans are to be returned within two years after leaving college, but an extension of time may be granted by the committee.

It is interesting to note that Delta Gamma has recently started a similar Scholarship fund. \$1500 was raised by one of their chapters from the sale of a cookbook compiled by them.

Among our own chapters, various means are being taken to raise the chapter quota of seven pledges. (Each Life Endowment is \$25).

Omega paid up one pledge with the proceeds of a recent chapter circus.

We solicit especially the interest and assistance of our recently formed alumnae chapters in increasing our total fund, and thereby our sixty per cent available for loans. Within the past week we have received three applications—the loans all needed for completing the spring term—which leads us to believe we shall soon have all the available sum in use—that is, assisting undergraduates instead of our bank.

JANE MCC. SPALDING, *Corresponding Secretary*

NOTES

Recent extension: Alpha Delta Pi at Wittenberg college and at the University of California; Alpha Gamma Delta at Boston university; Chi Omega at the University of Cincinnati and at Coe college; Delta Delta at the University of Arkansas, at Drury college, and at Butler college; Delta Gamma at the University of Oregon; Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Cincinnati; Phi Mu at Adelphi; Pi Beta Phi at Drury college and at St. Lawrence university.

The fifth edition of Ida Shaw Martin's invaluable *Sorority handbook* has been issued. Beside the usual features there are some very interesting statistical tables of extension. The classification of fraternities has been changed to meet the new developments. Formerly there were three classes—national college fraternities; the group called by Mrs. Martin "hybrid", that is having chapters both in colleges and in preparatory schools; and the group confined to secondary institutions. The "hybrid" societies are practically a thing of the past, having either dropped their preparatory school chapters or their college chapters, the latter have generally become successful applicants for charters from nationals of recognized standing. Thus Mrs. Martin now has two groups, which promise to be permanent; the National Panhellenic congress class, and the Junior college class, confined to institutions that do not do more than two years of real college work. Every chapter and, yes, every fraternity woman, should own a copy of Mrs. Martin's *Handbook*.

CORA PIERSON HOPKINS, KAPPA 1884

Not to the little group of Pi alumnæ alone but to a state-wide circle of friends and warm admirers did the news of Mrs. Scott Hopkins's sudden death on March 1 bring keen sorrow and a sense of irreparable loss. She had been busy in and out among us up to the moment of her going to the hospital to undergo a serious operation and so brave and so thoughtful of her friends had she been that none but her very own knew how serious was the ordeal which she was preparing to meet. As the news of the operation gradually reached the outer world we could not believe that one so full of the joy of life should be lying at death's door. For six days she fought a losing fight and then the end came and the brave unselfish life passed out into larger fields of usefulness.

Cora Pierson was born in New York in 1862. Her father moved to Lawrence, Kansas when she was a young girl and she received a bachelor's degree from the State university in 1884. She had a fine musical training and was an accomplished pianist. In 1885 she was married to Scott Hopkins, also a graduate of Kansas university, and a banker, first in Horton, Kansas and later in Topeka. Three children came into the home—a son and two daughters. Many Thetas will remember the eldest daughter Edna, Kansas '10.

From this happy home Mrs. Hopkins is the first to go and the husband and children are left with only the memory of the rare woman whose presence has blessed them through the years.

But while Mrs. Hopkins was preeminently a home-maker, her interests and responsibilities reached far beyond the walls of her home. Every good cause found in her a sympathizer; in several she was a leading spirit. Her loyalty to her Alma Mater was warm and unflinching and showed itself in practical efforts for the betterment of her beloved university. She was an active club woman and a Daughter of the Revolution and last summer published a biography of one of her Puritan forbears connected with Yale. A year ago she was president of the Woman's Kansas Day club and her friends love to recall how beautiful and gracious she was that day when she stood as the representative of the womanhood of Kansas.

At the time of her death she was president of the Kansas council

of women, which consists of all the presidents and ex-presidents of all state women's organizations and the women deans of colleges and which was assuming large responsibilities. She was particularly enthusiastic over the plan to aid in erecting halls of residence for women students at the state schools.

What she meant to Pi alumnae as an active member of our chapter it is hard to put into words. She was a charter member, twice our convention delegate and several times a convention visitor. There are many Thetas up and down the land who will remember the slender woman with the fair hair growing a little gray whose sunny face and cordial smile made the world seem brighter and better. In our chapter life she was both inspiration and balance wheel. The day before she went to the hospital she was actively concerned with some Theta matters which were dear to her heart. We cannot realize our loss yet but as the days go by we shall more and more miss her who seemed so well to embody the Theta type of noble womanhood.

A friend has written of her: "Warm-hearted, kindly, enthusiastic, whole-souled, winning and sympathetic; interested in the welfare of all about her; earnestly devoted at all times to the better things of life; to good books, good music, good schools and all good movements and good works; she was really a rare soul, a softened and beautified and humanized Puritan; a twentieth century flowering of that staunch old Puritan ancestry and character in which she became so much interested during the last year of her life."

CHARLOTTE M. LEAVITT, *Pi alumnae*

HELEN SPAIN

Beta is bowed down with grief over its loss. Helen Spain was with us only last year, one of our most loving and loyal Thetas. Her loss to us was almost unimaginable, for we had depended so much upon her strength and her advice to us.

Helen lived in Indianapolis with her parents until she went to college at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where she graduated in 1910. Here she was one of the most prominent workers in the college, was president of her class, on the self-government board and so on. Everyone there loved her as we did.

In the fall of 1910 she came to Indiana. She was pledged Theta at that time. In one year's time she took her master's degree in English. She carried twenty-two hours work, the regular requirement is fifteen, and made straight *A's*. Her interest was not solely in her work, however, as she was most active in the chapter work, was in two of the three Strut and Fret plays that year, was a member of English club and German club. That year through her urging and planning we gave a most beautiful rose dance, the first affair of the sort ever given here.

The two years following, Helen was an instructor in English here at the university. She lived with us both years and was constantly a guide and a help to us. She planned our delightful cotillions for us, helped write our county fair skits, and in so many ways, I can't begin to enumerate them, played the part of a big sister.

This year, because her family moved to Boston, she went there to be with them. She was enrolled at Radcliffe where she had applied for another degree. She died on March 17, 1914, at the Cory Hill hospital in Boston from complications resulting from a nervous breakdown; the direct cause of death was an operation for appendicitis which she did not have the strength to overcome.

She was the jolliest, sanest sort of a girl, one whom we all truly loved as an ideal Theta sister. She was a person whose intellect shone forth upon mere acquaintance. No girl could be more honored as a woman, nor more loved than was Helen Spain by Beta chapter. Her place is one which will have to remain empty, for it is one which cannot be filled. Our hearts go out also in sympathy to the father, mother, and brother who have lost such a wonderful life from their midst.

DOROTHY THORNBURGH

VOCA TIONS

MEMORANDA

"It is a bad plan that admits of no modification". Let us hope 'tis true! for our plan for these pages has been so modified as to defy identification, and yet—we won't admit that the plan was not good, though almost ready to adopt the cynic's "Plan me no plans", for what's the use of plans that demand cooperation if that cooperation isn't forthcoming, though promised?

Mindful of the letters past summers have brought us from newly graduated Thetas who were discouragingly seeking their niche of service in the world's turmoil, here we planned to offer this year's seniors some helpful advice, advice worth having because written by those who could speak with authority from knowledge gained by experience. But we can no longer hold the forms for this non-appearing, though promised, copy. Perhaps it will come along in time for you to read it next fall—if you subscribe for the JOURNAL. Meanwhile, forearmed for a possible shortage in copy by a collection of material along vocational lines, we will call heavily on this collection for some notes which we hope will be neither valueless nor uninteresting.

Our study of the subject has made clear one fact, that the end of senior year is not the time to begin to think of a possible vocation, nor is it the time for helpful advice along these lines. But since the college world universally has neglected earlier consideration of the subject, our seniors of this year bear no handicap from our delay and may find the race more simple when they know where to go for help, while future senior classes may here find useful hints while yet underclassmen.

The possible vocations for women are so unknown to the majority of college students that they can have no real power of choice until they are acquainted with the vast number of fields of endeavor there are in the work-a-day world.

The best survey of the possible fields, so far coming to our attention, is Agnes F. Perkins's book, *Vocations for the trained woman, opportunities other than teaching*. It is published by the Women's

educational and industrial union, 264 Boylston street, Boston, Massachusetts, and costs 74 cents, including postage. Here sixty-eight different vocations are set forth among which to choose according to desire, aptitude, training, and rewards. For almost every vocation here listed, courses in your own Alma Mater will—at least in part—give you good training, provided that such courses are wisely chosen with their ultimate value in mind.

One of our own members, Mrs. Karsten, has ably brought out the salient points as to the need for an intelligent choice of courses and work, in the article we are privileged to quote from the January issue of the University of Illinois *Alumni Quarterly*.

Dartmouth was probably the first college to publicly acclaim the practical value of its purely cultural courses, by issuing *Programs of study*, suggesting courses advisable for students who were looking forward to certain professions or occupations.

But as these *Programs* deal largely with the more masculine professions they are not as suggestive to you as are the program outlines in the University of Wisconsin's bulletin, *Vocational conference papers and vocational preparation*. Beside suggested programs of courses, this bulletin contains the addresses upon different vocations which were given before this first vocational conference ever held at one of our universities. The bulletin can be procured from the Extension division, University of Wisconsin, Madison, for ten cents. It is worth much more than that to the woman casting about for a field of both interesting and profitable labor.

The University of Minnesota has also issued a bulletin, *Vocations open to college women*. It covers more fields than does the Wisconsin bulletin, the articles are intensely practical in their detailing of the different lines of work, and their bibliographic notes are valuable for further study of any subject especially attracting one. It can be had for postage (five cents) from the University of Minnesota. Ask for *Bulletin, extra size, number 1*.

Teachers' agencies all over the country act as clearing houses for bringing the teacher and school into satisfactory relations. The need for similar agencies for placing non-teaching college women in congenial work is very great. A beginning has been made in the last three years, for there are now four such helpful centers well established. They are:

(1) Appointment bureau, Women's educational and industrial union, 264 Boylston street, Boston. The oldest and largest agency, though its work is not primarily for college women.

(2) The intercollegiate bureau of occupations, Room 1504, 38 West thirty-second street, New York City. This is the pioneer bureau for college women, established in 1911. Its first report, covering nineteen months, is most interesting. To quote a bit:

"The bureau has two main functions—first, the study of the economic problems of educated women and the effective use of the information secured; and second, the bringing together of employers and educated women seeking employment. . . .

"The only occupation of professional rank not included within the scope of the bureau's work is teaching. Indeed one of its primary objects from the beginning has been to give women a wide choice of vocation, and as part of this aim, to prevent the drift toward teaching as the profession easiest for college women to enter. At the end of nineteen months we are able to report that judging by the 422 positions filled by the bureau in that time the opportunities are, indeed, varied, provided women prepare themselves adequately for their chosen work."

"Certain conclusions may be put forth as the result of our experience so far, concerning the vocational problems of college women:

(1) Our experience convinces us that in increasing numbers occupations other than teaching are open to college women.

(2) The college training in itself, with the point of view and the background which it gives, is in demand in many vocations.

(3) On the other hand, some supplementary technical training is almost indispensable to fit the college woman for her occupation.

(4) As a natural result, it is evident that more thought is needed in the planning of a career than many young college women realize. For many occupations the special technical training required does not take a long time. The suggestion that this might often be accomplished during summer vacations is a hopeful one for the college girl who wants to begin work as soon as she has her diploma in hand. Furthermore, in some instances, the college courses have a direct vocational bearing, if wisely chosen.

(5) For the educator, the employer, and the worker, the urgent need is for fuller information about standards and conditions of employment as they are and as they ought to be."

One very striking thing in this, and all the reports, is how a knowledge of stenography helps to secure many varied jobs.

(3) Bureau of occupations for trained women, 1302 Spruce street, Philadelphia. In two years this bureau had 793 calls for workers and filled 350 positions. It is interesting to note that for six honorable vocations it had no qualified workers to recommend. These positions no one was fitted to fill called for bacteriologists, pathologists, psychopathic workers, museum directors, shop managers, fashion illustrators.

We are glad to give space to the following circular of this bureau:

VOCATIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TRAINED WOMAN

SECRETARIAL AND CLERICAL WORK: Secretaryships to administrators, business and professional men, publishers, scholars, social workers, society women. Civil service clerkships, court and law stenographers. Clerical and general office work, including stenographic and bookkeeping positions.

LIBRARY WORK: Librarians in libraries, business houses, museums; for civic, philanthropic and scientific organizations; cataloguing private libraries and possessions.

LITERARY WORK: Journalism, magazine work, reporting for newspapers, publishing-house work, translation.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WORK: (a) Civic: Juvenile court, police matronships, prison and reform-school work, probation, supervision of social centers and playgrounds, economic research, municipal research, factory inspection, tenement house inspection, street and market inspection.

(b) Social: Organized charities, children's aid, dental and district nursing, medical and social service, rent collection, settlement and welfare work; secretaryships to Consumers' League, Trade Unions, employment agencies.

(c) Religious: Deaconess work, club and class supervision, parish visiting, Young Women's Christian association secretaryships.

SPECIALIZED TEACHING: (a) Teaching the blind, deaf, defective, etc. privately, in institutions, and in special classes of the public schools.

(b) Vocational teaching: Teaching arts and crafts, industrial and commercial subjects (domestic arts, domestic science, trades, bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting, salesmanship, et cetera), in institutions, business houses, settlements, churches and other public and philanthropic organizations.

ARTS AND CRAFTS: Bookkeeping; illuminating; fashion and poster designing; stenciling; embroidery; weaving; leather, raffia and metal work; pottery; wood carving; photography.

PHYSICAL TRAINING: Teaching of gymnastics, playground work, supervision of camps.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS: Catering; dietetics; delicatessen, restaurant, tea-room and school lunch management; laundry management; sanitary and economical advising for home management (in the home itself); professional housekeeping; interior decoration; dressmaking and millinery. Household assistants, as companions, nurses, governesses. Managers and assistants in institutions.

AGRICULTURE: General dairy and poultry farming; farm superintendence; bee culture; fruit growing; landscape gardening; rose, violet and other forms of floriculture. Gardening classes for children.

SCIENTIFIC WORK: (a) Applied Science: Chemical and bacteriological analysis in manufactories, laboratories of sanitary engineers, physicians, private laboratories, hospitals, municipal boards of health, U. S. Department of Agriculture; food inspection, sanitary inspection; lecturing; medical illustration.

(b) Research work in private laboratories and in such foundations as the Rockefeller Institute.

BUSINESS: Advertising, banking, insurance, real estate, photography, interior furnishing, shopkeeping (gift or specialty shops, lunch rooms.)

PROFESSIONS: Architecture, law, the ministry, medicine (also nursing, massage, medical gymnastics and osteopathy), dentistry and pharmacy.

(4) Collegiate bureau of occupations, Room 934, Fine Arts building, 410 Michigan avenue, Chicago. This is the bureau to which the National Panhellenic congress is a supporting member, in the hope of helping our fraternity members get into touch with congenial work. We are printing an article on this bureau's work, prepared by its manager, Miss Bennett, for use of the National Panhellenic fraternities. We commend to your attention the list of occupations for which this bureau has been asked to find workers.

There is no fee for registration with the Boston bureau. In each of the others the registration fee is one dollar a year, and the charge for securing positions is 3 per cent of the salary during the first year. Registration with one of the collegiate bureaus is interchangeable with either one of the other two.

At present the one great handicap to the use of these bureaus is the fact that their general policy is only to register candidates with whom

they can have a personal interview—a condition obviously impossible for many of our college graduates to meet. Some effort to obviate this handicap is being made through cooperative committees in the various branches of the Association of collegiate alumnae. Subsidiary bureaus in other geographic centers would be a splendid work for our city Panhellenics to undertake. Alumnae chapters, here is a suggestion of a field for your labors!

In the meantime, the bureaus also act as clearing houses for advice, and freely give any college woman anywhere the benefit of their knowledge of the requirements, openings, and compensations, in any line of work.

The subject of vocational opportunities is receiving more and more attention from alumnae organizations and from the colleges. Several universities have this year held vocational conferences, several others have had lectures for the women students along these lines. There is yet much to be done before the college women have the knowledge with which to choose wisely and the guidance by which to train adequately, for their future life, whether that life be the highest vocation, home-making, or some more humble but no less essential work. Kappa Alpha Theta hopes to make some contributions to this study through the work of her Service board's Vocational committee.

VARIOUS VOCATIONS FOR WOMEN

ELEANOR G. KARSTEN, *Beta*

Some years ago—in the spring of 1910—statistics were gathered at one of our largest co-educational institutions of the middle west to show how large a percentage of the women at that time in attendance at this university had chosen some vocation, and what vocations had been selected. Questionnaires were distributed at the weekly chapel service, attendance at which was compulsory, and were collected at the end of the service as attendance slips, a plan which it was felt would secure as large a percentage of answers as it would be possible to obtain. No compulsion, however, was exercised to secure answers to the questions, the signatures alone being accepted in case any hesitancy was felt in filling out the questionnaire. Because of this a number of the answers turned in were of only negative value and had to

be thrown out in a consideration of the data secured. However, all things considered, those interested in this piece of work felt that the information obtained was representative. It will be seen, therefore, that the figures I am going to quote represent conditions at only one of our large institutions of learning, but I believe that they may be considered as typical of conditions elsewhere. Certainly conditions are not less favorable in that university for serious thought on the part of the women as to what they intend to do with the education they are receiving, than they are in other universities of the middle west.

Of the women answering the questionnaire, 64 per cent had chosen some vocation. This figure in itself does not show a bad proportion; probably many of the women who expected to marry, thus choosing the highest vocation open to women, hesitated to set down this fact and were therefore counted among those who had not chosen a vocation. But an analysis of this figure, 64 per cent, brought to light a rather startling fact. Of the 64 per cent of women who had chosen some vocation, 80 per cent had selected teaching, English and History being the most favored subjects. This figure certainly gives food for very serious thought to those interested in the higher education of women. At a time when the holding of a teaching position by a woman, in one of our higher institutions of learning, except perhaps in the department of Household Science, is looked upon with less and less favor by the powers that be; at a time when even in our secondary institutions of learning the feeling is growing more and more strong that the proportion of women teachers is too large; at such a time we still see this large percentage of the women graduating from our colleges and universities leave their Alma Mater with the more or less vague intention of teaching. The situation is not only hard for those women who are not especially fitted to teach and not particularly anxious to do so, but also for those who are really eminently fitted for the work and keen to do it, but who among this crowd of teachers, good, bad, and indifferent, though the last two really form one class, indifferent teachers being bad ones, either lose out altogether or suffer materially as to the salary and the professional standing which they receive. . . .

Experience goes to show that positions are waiting for the trained

woman on every hand, but that most of our college graduates are not prepared to fill these positions, nor, as a rule, are they willing, either by a period of apprentice work or by a year of training at a professional school, to secure the necessary preparation. They have probably been good students and faithful workers, but in many cases they are not women trained to do well a definite work in the world.

Any one who has had much intimate experience with young women during the trying time of registration, will, I believe, bear me out in the statement that any definite plan as to the work to be covered during the four years, is seldom seen. Most remarkable reasons are only too often given for the selection of this or that course; this instructor is such a "nice" man; this course comes at a convenient hour and "isn't hard anyway"; a friend is taking that course and it will be fun to work together; sometimes a certain concentration of work is secured because the student does not like to run from one building to another between classes. But on the whole little of serious purpose is shown in the arrangement of the work, or at least much less than would seem desirable. I believe this is largely due to the fact that most of the women entering the university know almost nothing of the wide and ever widening field of women's activities at the present day. Only too often the girl has grown up to feel that unless she marries the only thing left for her to do is to teach. If early in her college course she could be shown some of the opportunities open to trained women at the present time, some of the many interesting and useful forms of work to be done by the trained woman, she would feel a new interest in her college work and in planning her course so as to best fit her for later work. By this, I do not mean that technical training should form a larger part of the curriculum than it now does; it may not even be a good thing for a girl in her freshman year to make a hard and fast decision as to her life work; but that she should be in an alert frame of mind as regards the opportunities open to her, that she should realize the desirability of relating her college work to the work that is to follow; that she should put into that work something of the vitalizing life motive, this certainly would seem very desirable indeed.

Again I say, and I wish to emphasize this fact, this does not mean

a narrowing of the work along technical lines. The education should be just as broad as it now is but it should prepare for the technical training to follow. If I plan to build a square structure, I do not lay a round foundation, although the two may be equally broad and firm; I build the one that will best fit and support the house I wish to build upon it and of which it is to be a part. If a woman plans to take up secretarial work and perhaps later spend a year at Simmons or some similar professional school, acquiring the necessary technique, why not realize in time that modern languages are essential and that certain work in economics will be of infinitely more value to her than, perhaps, work in art and design. On the other hand, if she has chosen interior decoration for her life work, art and design is absolutely essential for her and she can ill afford to spend too much time on Old English or Gothic. Many women doing social service work in one of our large cities have never realized until they were in the field how vastly their usefulness could have been increased by a knowledge of Italian, which would have opened up to them greater possibilities of usefulness in the large Italian quarters where so much of their work is done. The Library School of the University of Illinois issues each year an outline of a recommended course of study for the benefit of those students who after having completed their four years' course expect to take up library work. The work recommended in this outline is such as to give the broadest possible foundation for good library work, and is by no means technical. Illustrations might be multiplied, but the point is clear. The four years can be devoted to broadly cultural studies and yet to studies that will best fit the student for the technical work to come. Who can doubt that after four years of such well planned work and a short period devoted to acquiring the technique of her vocation either by means of apprentice work or work in a professional school, a woman would be better educated because better fitted to do the work that is waiting for trained women to do, better prepared for "complete living" which Herbert Spencer says is the function education has to discharge. It would probably be very much of a surprise to most of us to see listed the opportunities for vocational training already offered at the University of Illinois. Of the sixty-eight vocations listed and described in the valuable publication of the

Women's educational and industrial union of Boston, *Vocations for the trained woman, opportunities other than teaching*, probably the best compilation of the sort that has yet appeared, of the sixty-eight vocations listed here opportunity for more or less adequate training is offered in the University of Illinois in the case of sixty-four. This means that with a properly planned course and in many cases with an additional year of apprentice work or work in a professional school, a woman could prepare herself at our university to do any one of these sixty-four different kinds of work—other than teaching; as a matter of fact this really means more than sixty-four, several vocations being grouped together under one head in a number of cases. It would seem that could the attention of the women of the university be drawn to this fact early and late, in season and out of season, if there were any time that could be called out of season for emphasizing to the women of the university that it is for them to make the most of the splendid opportunities offered to them during the four years of their college course, then we might confidently hope in a short time to graduate from the university women who would be better educated because of the purposeful work done here, better prepared to take their place in the world and, should it not be their good fortune to have homes and families of their own, to become in some other field, helpful, efficient members of the community in which they live.—*Alumni Quarterly* of the University of Illinois, January, 1914.

CHICAGO COLLEGIATE BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONS

BY HELEN M. BENNETT, *Manager*

For the ambitious girl with a college degree in one hand and a diploma in the other, trouble has just begun.

She may think the sailing very smooth and beautiful before her, but she does not realize that the little journeys she has made in the bay and among the blessed little islands of her college and home domains are but poor prognostications of what she may expect when her little bark gets out into strange waters, and waves roll high, and she must sail an uncharted sea. For the world is not always kind

to the college bred man or woman and the old attitude of the fast passing west to the effect that if a college man kept quiet about his degree his neighbors might come to overlook it, is not so far-fetched as it may sound.

Until the last few years there has been but little that the college girl could do with dignity except teach. That profession was admittedly her own. And having struggled, as she did for the mere right to acquire a higher education, woman was willing for a time at least to confine herself—un-Edenlike—to certain specified fruits and not to push her desire of a varied occupation into troublesome fields. But, gradually as a college education for women came to be an accepted fact—no more outré or questionable than the same education for men, women began to question a little.

"Must I teach?" asked the girl graduate. "Am I not allowed to do anything else, or am I not prepared for anything else?"

Public opinion and public experience in its customary anomalous way answered yes and no to both questions. But the discussion was started and a new battle begun. Today the outcome of that but recently precipitated proposition rests entirely in the hands of the colleges, the college students and the graduates. If women can make good in other professions than that of teaching, these professions will be opened to them without reserve; for the demand today, even above the matter of sex-privilege or chivalry, is for efficiency. The work of the world, and its growing multitudinous needs call for efficient service and the person who can perform this service is to be the person to whom the work will come. This person may be man—may be woman; may be college bred, may be self-educated. Into this struggle, the college bred woman must throw herself with all vim, for she must contest with the other sex and with a great army of people admirably trained in the school of need. One of the gravest and most serious criticisms made today upon the work of college women is that it often fails at a critical point, because the girl does not have to work. It takes character to carry on work successfully to a point of real achievement when there is no financial pressure behind it.

Because of these various conditions which I have tried briefly, rather to indicate than to describe, various bureaus of occupations have been

formed throughout the country for the purpose of putting college women and other trained women into occupations other than teaching.

All of these bureaus have substantially the same ends in mind: to investigate new occupations for women; to put the employer and the employee in touch with each other; and to give vocational advice both to undergraduates and to the girls who have finished their college work but have not yet found themselves vocationally. Thus these bureaus have a threefold function—educational, vocational, and commercial—for in the last analysis the employment part of it must resolve itself into the actual work of an employment agency. This last feature, however, while it may seem to the individual girl who wants work the most important of all, is really less so than it appears; for given the woman who knows what she wants to do—add to that a sufficient training and experience and it is not so hard to find the position. At the same time it must be recognized that the employment feature is an important and necessary one. For all the work is highly specialized today, and time must be saved by the employer at every turn. If he wants a highly specialized woman for a line of work, it may be a matter of months to find her through his own efforts or even through those of his friends, while with the aid of such bureaus as these, he should be put in touch within a very short time with the candidate who has just the qualifications which he needs. These bureaus should be in fact, to the woman who does not want to teach, what the teachers' agencies are to the woman who wants to teach.

The Chicago bureau does not of course place women in teaching positions but it does place them in all others with the exception of social service. That work is handled in the city of Chicago through the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. But all other branches of work are asked for from this bureau and are offered to it—both employers and employees bringing their varied needs to this young clearing house. One of the commonest occurrences is to find in the morning's mail from one to three letters, each beginning, "I am that eternal misfit—the girl who does not want to teach but has been crowded into it because she does not know what else to do. Can you do anything for me?"

Often the bureau is able to meet this request for help with a

definite offer of some kind—more often it is able to suggest to the girl some way in which she may work herself out of the profession in which she is now unwillingly engaged into something where her talents will be better employed and which eventually will prove to be as profitable financially as the teaching.

The bureau provides for a registration fee of one dollar which registers the candidate for one year, and entitles her to the services of the bureau for that length of time, regardless of the fact of her changing her occupation several times within that specified time. It also charges a three per cent commission for the first year's salary of all applicants placed; or a six per cent commission if the position is for less than one month. If it is for more than one month and less than a year, three per cent is charged upon the length of time which the candidate spends in the position.

Advice as to occupations, necessary training for them, the fitness of the individual and the opportunities offered, is gladly given both to graduates and undergraduates, and there is no fee connected with the interviews. Many girls who are not college graduates are registered with the bureau, though the report for the first six months of its existence shows that of 220 girls registered 162 were college graduates, 36 had had some college training, and only 22 had had none. Among the various kinds of work for which employers applied to this bureau are the following:

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